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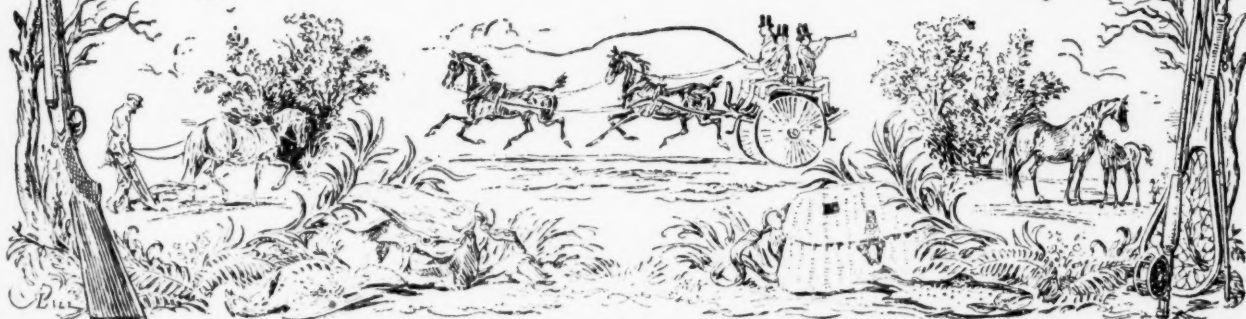
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Gustave Muss-Arnolt (1858-1927)



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BEAGLERS AND LANDOWNERS

During the year 1954 beagles registered by the American Kennel Club surpassed all other breeds in point of numbers, ousting the cocker spaniels which had occupied first place for several years previously. This popularity was due in part to the fact that beagles make excellent pets for children and grown-ups. Still more important was the beagle's ability to combine domesticity with sport. After all a pet that provides the pleasure of watching hound work across a lovely countryside, healthy exercise and the chance of replenishing the larder with a rabbit or two, is pretty irresistible.

The tremendous increase in the one or two beagle owner has naturally brought about changes. For established breeders it has meant an expanding market; for Field Trial Clubs, increased participation and support; for manufacturers of dog products, firearms, and outdoor clothing greater sales; for game commissions more license fees and law enforcement problems.

The heaviest impact has been on landowners, however. Since beagles are small and can be kept in the house or back yard, a great proportion of the new owners are city people. They have descended on farmers and estate owners in increasing numbers. Being city people they know little about combining sport with the protection of livestock and crops. And because they are here to-day and gone to-morrow they frequently have little respect for private property. A great deal of land has been posted against them, increasing the pressure on land which is unposted.

These changes have necessarily affected other groups of sportsmen. The supporters of beagle packs find their carefully cultivated relations with landowners jeopardized because beagles in general acquire a bad name. Many of these little hounds have had relatively little training and will run anything, including pigs and chickens. When they are owned by office and factory workers living in country adjacent to town and are allowed to run loose, they constantly disturb all ground game, rabbits, foxes, quail and pheasants. Considering the fact that a lot of their owners will shoot anything that moves it is inevitable that landowners should take measures to protect themselves and their property.

Fundamentally the solution is education. Magazines, sports column writers for newspapers, and game commissions are accomplishing a great deal in this respect. Perhaps even more effective are sportsmen's clubs, organizations which include, not just beaglers, but all groups of sportsmen in the locality as well—fisherman, foxhunters, coon hunters, and those who like to shoot quail, pheasants, ducks,

rabbits, woodchucks and deer. If all these groups meet together they will come to understand each others' problems and cooperate so as to provide the maximum of sport. They can explain to newcomers that merely buying a license does not automatically entitle a man to good hunting, shooting and fishing on anyone's land—that the title of sportsman involves the acceptance of certain standards and obligations if one is to enjoy the privileges which go with it. Finally they can combine to protect their sport and the landowners who make it possible from the minority which refuses to act within the law or with common decency.

Letters

U.S.E.T. Equitation Medal Class

Dear Sir:

The new U. S. E. T. Equitation Medal class should appeal particularly to hunter and jumper people. If they will study the AHSA pamphlet, "Notes on Dressage," and school their horses accordingly, they will encounter no difficulty with the dressage phase, and find that this basic training will give them more control over their mounts when jumping.

Riders working without supervision by a competent instructor in dressage should take care not to try too much with their horses. They should avoid overcollection and complicated figures the horse is not ready for. Instead they should concentrate on having the horse move forward freely at all times, flexing evenly and supplely to both sides in turning, with a gentle indication from the rider all that is required for change of direction or change of pace.

The purpose of dressage is not to perform certain gaits and figures, but rather to produce a horse which is lithe, balanced, alert, and attentive to the rider.

In the USET Medal class next year it is hoped we will have a simpler dressage test, as well as a more appealing jumping course. If our young riders will bend their efforts toward performing well in this class the next four years, we should have an excellent crop of prospects for the 1960 Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

Fritz Stecken

Katonah, N. Y.

Distinguishing Hounds

Dear Sir:

In answer to your query as to distinguishing hounds by numbering them.

I did tell you at the Bryr Mawr Show that I had a system of numbering my hounds. However, it does not stay on for life, as it has to be renewed about every 90 days, and it is neither the use of a hot iron or an acid. It is the use of plain Black Jet hair dye. It works

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BREEDING

AND

Racing

REVIEW OF THE WEEK



Wheatley Stable's Full Flight Wins The Ponce de Leon Handicap by a Head

Raleigh Burroughs

On December 7, the newspapers reported that 91 horses had been nominated to the 1956 Santa Anita Handicap. This is the race that has become a national institution despite the fact that the running of the event is shrouded in a kind of secrecy.

The Triple Crown races, and many others in Chicago, New York, New Jersey and Florida are given to a waiting world through television, but we don't even get the Santa Anita Handicap on the radio.

The fact has disturbed me for years (though no one else seems to worry much about it), so each season before dragging in the Yule log, I launch a campaign aimed at bringing this great race of the West to deserving easterners (and mid-westerners and southerners or anyone else who would care to see it).

Not so remiss as the huge broadcasting companies, are the gents who operate a "future" book on the Hundred Grander from a base in Mexico. These thoughtful folk hope everyone will have an interest in the race, if only a small one, and publish a sheet showing how one's standard of living might be improved moderately or lifted to Arabian Night-ish proportions, depending upon the degree of the miracle.

On a horse that can't possible win, even though 90 are declared (because he can't walk) odds of as much as 1000 to 1 are offered. A horse that can barely walk might get you as good as 400.

On the theory that a horse three years old or older can learn to perform a trick easily accompanied by a human of 14 months, and that evil influences of the stars may fall upon all the other eligibles, people invest dollars on such predictable risks.

It is possibly that few really expect to win, but it stands a fellow apart from the crowd to be able to say, "If Ringbone takes the Big 'Cap I stand to collect ten G's."

That's worth something.

Now if Ringbone is permitted by the hand of fate to stay in one piece right up to the race, February 25 will dawn clear and golden for the lad who has ten dollars worth of the (more or less) honest Thoroughbred.

There will be a song in the punter's heart as, with trembling hand, he shaves his teeth, brushes his face, pours cream and sugar over his wife and kisses his shredded wheat.

In a word, he will be in an Elysium; and there is no other way I know of that you can buy an Elysium for ten bucks.

Possession of a receipt validating the operation and knowledge that the race is to be videoed were paradise enow.

But the race will not be televised nor broadcast over the nation (unless these broadcast companies listen to me and get some sense). It will be seen and heard over a limited number of western stations.

Millions who love the horse for what he is or for what they hope he can get them will have to wait for the newspapers.

It has been with the interest of these millions at heart, and the fact that I wished to see the race myself, that I have spoken so long and so vociferously on the subject of TVing the Santa Anita Handicap. I have made threats—even changed razors. Nothing has worked.

Stronger measures are indicated. I have thought of canvassing the pool halls for recruits and leading a hoard of nature's noblemen on a parade through the streets of the Big City, climaxing the march by forming picket lines around the headquarters of the giant communications. Then maybe they'd think twice before flouting the wishes of the little man.

I'll give them one more year.

Tropical Park

The Ponce de Leon Handicap was named for a tourist who received an all-expenses-paid trip so he could look for

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the Fountain of Youth. He didn't find it, but Tropical Park clients who guessed right drank deeply when **Full Flight** registered by a head and returned \$29.10 mutuel.

Favorite players took, as the saying goes, a bath.

Shimke and Ifabody raced for the lead during the early quarters, with Munchausen and Queen Hopeful (the choice) staying close enough to make sure there was no loitering.

Full Flight, under Sidney Cole, started slowly and began to move as the early contenders slowed down a bit.

After seven-ighths of a mile, it was Ifabody, Shimke, Munchausen and Full Flight. The latter passed half a dozen horses in half a mile.

At the stretch, Ifabody and Shimke still were winging, three lengths before Full Flight, which was moving past Munchausen.

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The Fate of Belair Stud

Mr. John W. Ludewig and the Hanover Bank, as executors of the estate of William Woodward, Jr., announced late this afternoon (Dec. 6th.) that they would accept sealed bids on the Thoroughbreds included in Mr. Woodward's estate. The bids were to be in writing and were to be accompanied by a certified check for ten percent of the amount bid. The bids had to be received not later than 11:00 a. m. on December 15. The bids were accepted in four groups.

The first group includes Nashua all by himself. A veterinary examination by Drs. Hagyard, Davidson, and McGee was made and a certificate as to Nashua's soundness was available. BUT, there has never been an examination as to his fertility nor was one to be made for the purpose of this sale. Nashua is now at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Kentucky having been unwound from training.

The second group on which bids were accepted included "racehorses and yearlings (foals of 1954)". There are nine racehorses including Ambidextrous, a bay colt two years old by *Ambiorix-Vienna by Menow; Ambient, a bay colt three years old by *Ambiorix-Vienna by Menow; Black Emperor, a dark bay colt, two years old by Black Tarquin-Seclude by *Isolater (placed at two); Cilitation, a bay filly, two years old by Black Tarquin-Vibration II by Sir Cosmo; Cote D'Or, a bay filly, two years old by Prince Simon-valse D'Or by Eight Thirty; First Flower, a bay filly, three years old by *Nasrullah-Marguery by *Sir Gallahad III (placed at 2 and 3); Game Chance, a chestnut gelding, five years old by Some Chance-Bonnie Beryl by Fighting Fox (winner of 12 races including the Tropical Park Innaugural, Coldstream Handicap, etc. and of \$57,477); Tremor, a bay filly, three years old by Prince Simon-Vibration II by Sir Cosmo (winner of five races in 1955); and Valence, a bay filly, two years old by *Ambiorix-Vashti by Gallant Fox. The twelve yearlings in this group included two fillies and two colts by *Ambiorix, one filly and one colt by *Nasrullah, one filly and two colts by Black Tarquin, one filly by Double Jay, and one colt each by Fighting Fox and *Hypnotist. All these horses are now galloping at Merryland Farm at Hyde, Maryland where they may be seen.

The third group included twenty-four mares which are at Claiborne. Among these twenty-four are Bonnie Beryl, winner of 11 races and \$119,970 at 2 and 3 and the dam of Game Chance (she is barren); Marguery, dam of Whirling Fox and a sister to Gallant Fox, Fighting Fox, Foxbrough, and half sister to Petee-Wrack (she is in foal to *Nasrullah); Segula, the dam of Nashua (in foal to *Nasrullah); Vagrancy, winner of 15 races including the CCA Oaks and of \$102,480 (she is in foal to Tom Fool); and *Vibration II, dam of Hyphasis and Bossuet (she is in foal to *Ambiorix).

The third group included 16 weanlings (foals of 1955). There are 4 *Nasrullahs,

5 *Ambiorixes, and one each by Dark Star, Arctic Star, Migoli, Fighting Fox, Prince Simon, Some Chance, and Double Jay. These are also at Belair Farm at Bowie, Maryland.

The fourth group on which bids were accepted included the whole works together, that is an inclusive bid for groups I, II, and III all at the same time.

There are no minimums established for these bids; but all or any can be refused. It is only the horses which are up for sale, not the farm which actually is not a horse farm: it is more of a rustic retreat sort of thing. Not included in the sale either are the estate's shares in the stallions *Nasrullah and *Ambiorix. The estate owns about one eighth of each and those will be handled as a separate transaction. Fighting Fox has now attained the ripe old age of twenty and has been pensioned off to take it easy at Claiborne and he is not included in the sale.

Humphrey Finney, President of Fasig-Tipton, has been called into the deal as a technical consultant. Mr. Finney says he asked Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons if he would care to continue the training of Nashua for whoever is the lucky (affluent) buyer. Mr. Fitz says he would be glad to train Nashua for any acceptable buyer. Now we can play guessing games as to who will be the buyer. Mr. Finney says requests and feelers have come from all over this country and some from Europe as well.

It will be interesting to see what the yearlings and the weanlings bring. Mr. Finney guesses that this could be in the big money too because it is impossible to get a season to *Nasrullah and the only way to get a *Nasrullah foal is

through the settlement of an estate as in this case.

Maybe you read as I did that Eddie Arcaro bid \$750,000 for Nashua. Well, that came straight from somebody's imagination because no jockey can own any part of a racehorse and still be a jockey.

If I may be allowed to speculate for a minute, I'll bet you a gin and tonic at next year's Belmont that Nashua doesn't go to an established horseman or group of horsemen. If you will recall, the buyer gets a certificate from a veterinary that the colt is sound but no examination with respect to his fertility will be made for the purpose of this sale. That means that, except for what Nashua can earn on the track, the buyer is getting a "pig in a poke". Twenty Grand was sterile, remember? Also, there is absolutely no assurance that Nashua will be worth anything as a sire. To get down to dollars and cents, he will have weight piled on and on by the handicappers until he can run only in weight-for-age races of which there are not too many (worse luck) unless the owner wants to have him beaten by horses not worthy to be on the same track with him. So, even if the owner doesn't mind ruining the name and legs of a good horse, Nashua won't earn too much more as the weight gets piled on. His first three years at stud, he will unquestionably command a good fee; but there is no assurance after that of his get's being able to run out of its own way. Thus, an offer of, say, a million dollars is very unrealistic except for its publicity value. And it is just that, publicity value, for which he will eventually be bought. Let's see. — Dr. Robert J. Clark

MEMO to all Members of the United Hunts...

Have you signed up for the 1956 Grand National Tour, leaving New York March 17? Applications for this unique and attractive tour, sponsored by The United Hunts Racing Association for its members, are now being received.

It has been suggested that this makes a very nice Christmas present!

Due to limitations on size of tour group, it is important that applications be made without delay. Letter and application blank, with full information on itinerary were mailed to all United Hunts members.

If you desire additional copies of the itinerary, or other information, please write to:

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During the Pimlico race meeting this fall busses plied their way on regularly scheduled runs from New York city to the track. It was a round-trip journey of 386 miles and on the final day of the meeting there were 18 busses which made the trip.

Our curiosity somewhat aroused over the type person who would endure such hardships for the privilege of betting on eight horses, we cornered one of the drivers and asked him just what the trip and the fans were like.

Frank Wishneski, who has been driving busses for 33 years and driving race track specials for twelve years, gave the following report:

In order to make the 1 o'clock post at Pimlico, the busses left New York at 7:45 A. M. and, if on schedule, arrived at the Maryland Jockey Club track at 12:45. Leaving immediately after the eighth race, the busses got into New York around 10 P. M.

"They're always beefing and tight as a dead heat," was the way Wishneski described the closely-knit group of New Yorkers who furnished him his livelihood.

"All they do," he continued, "is sit in the bus and read their **Telegraphs and Forms** and complain about how slow I'm driving. If I'm doing 70 that's too slow and if I ever hit 90, that would be too slow too.

"They're funny people. Every day you see the same faces. Some of those fellows just go to the races and make a living out of it. Mostly they're show bettors (imagine what the absence of a show pool in the Gallorette Stakes meant to these customers), and if they win \$50 they've had a big day. With them it's more like a business than a game.

"It's all dead serious with them. None of that taking a chance with a two-buck ticket on a longshot. They're investors who figure on a slim but regular profit."

Barclay Odell, Pimlico's comptroller, confirms Wishneski's appraisal of the bus riders' betting characteristics. Says Odell: "They're big money bettors, and you can tell it by the per capita betting. When we get a lot of bus customers from New York, the per capita is always high."

During a normal week day at Pimlico, average bus patronage was 150. On the last two Saturdays of the meeting there were a total of over 1,400.

Fare for the trip was \$10.90 which included a round-trip ticket and admission to the track. One a 20-minute stop was made in Delaware both coming and going for a light snack.

Remarking on how little his customers cared about eating during this brief lay-over, Wishneski said: "We only stop 20 minutes, but you'd think it was a couple hours. All the time I'm eating, these guys keep needling me about getting back on the road. Hurry, hurry, hurry. That's all they think about."

As for their manners, the bus driver said a man has to be alert when he opens the door upon arriving at Pimlico. "It's a wonder somebody don't get trampled, the way they pile off that bus."

The Pimlico trip, though, is child's play

compared to some of the excursions leaving the terminal at Forty-first street and Seventh avenue.

Worst by far, according to Wishneski, is the haul to Lincoln Downs.

The trip to the Pawtucket, R. I., track commences at 6:30 A. M. and it doesn't end until the bus pulls into New York at 2 A. M. the next day.

Last spring, two busses started off with a normal load of passengers and one was overhauled by State police with a message that ice and snow had caused a cancellation of the racing program. The other bus, taking a short cut, went on unaware of the calamity. After an all-day trip, that busload pulled into New York without having seen a race.

"But," said Wishneski, "the funniest story was the one about a bus coming

back from Garden State. The driver, afraid he might lose his money at the track, saved \$5 for the toll on the turnpike by putting a \$5 bill in his pack of cigarettes.

"He went broke at the track just like he was afraid he would and on the drive back he finished his last cigarette and threw the empty pack with the \$5 in it out the window. So when he came back to the toll station, he didn't have a dollar.

"He stood up and asked the bus load of people to lend him \$5. Not one person made a move. He couldn't get a penny out of them.

"So he had to leave his name and address with the man at the booth—the whole busload couldn't raise \$5 between them.

The "Iron Horse" Gets Them in Foal

ALERTED

B. H., 1948, by Bull Lea—Hastily Yours, by John P. Grier

Stakes Winner of 20 Races and \$440,485.

Alerted, the "Iron Horse", will serve his second season in stud in 1956. He has won 12 stakes, 20 races and \$440,485 in purses. His sire Bull Lea, has produced the leading money-winning horse, filly and gelding in Citation, Bewitch and Armed. Other stakes winners produced by Bull Lea were Twosy, Level Lea, Good Blood, Twilight Tear, Coaltown, Hill Gale, Faultless, Mark-Ye-Well, Chanlea, Fleet Bird, Real Delight. Next Move, etc.

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B. H., 1946, by *Heliopolis—Effie B., by *Bull Dog

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News from the STUDS

—ENGLAND—

Mare in Foal to Tulyar

With three days of the Newmarket Sales completed at the time of writing, American buyers have been much in evidence.

Right from the start, Howard Reine-man set the pattern when he became the new owner of the very first lot to be offered, the ten-year-old mare Pegrino, believed in foal to Tulyar. It was at 12,000 dollars that the Crown Crest Farm owner secured the daughter of Solferino and Anyway, who is an own-sister to *Summer Solstice's sire Solonaway. Her first two foals have been winners.

Pegrino was one of the four mares submitted at the sales who are believed to be in foal to Tulyar. The only other to be submitted up to the time of writing, *Ros-Nuala's dam Lady's View, did not reach her reserve. — P. T.C.

Rex Ellsworth Buys

Feature of the December Sales up to the end of the third day has been the buying of Rex Ellsworth.

To date he has spent over 150,000 dollars on brood-mares and fillies.

His purchases include the highest-priced sale so far, this being the two-year-old filly Weeber, the winner of the Queen Mary Stakes and two other races this year. By Panorama, she is the first foal of the Bobsleigh mare Amy Leigh, a member of the illustrious Parafin family. Her filly-foal half-sister by Big Game also came under the hammer, but passed out unsold at 25,700 dollars.

Three of Ellsworth's acquisitions were Hyperion mares. First he paid 19,400 dollars in conjunction with Mrs. Richard Lunn for the twelve-year-old mare Madam Curie, believed in foal to King George VI Stakes victor Supreme Court, whose first crop of runners this season include the top-class Final Court. Madam Curie traces to Pretty Polly.

The other Hyperion mares are the four-year-old Imitation, a descendant of Silver Fowl who is believed in foal to Signal Light, and the nine-year-old Lake Success, herself a winner, covered by Derby winner Arctic Prince. The latter also comes of one of the best families in the Stud Book, for she traces to 1,000 Guineas winner Vauluse. The two mares cost a total of 17,000 dollars.

He also bought two mares from H. H. Aga Khan for over 12,000 dollars, one being the four-year-old Darabai, whose grandam is *Noor's half-sister, the *Bahram mare Queen of Baghdad.

Yet another high-priced lot obtained by Swaps' owner was the five-year-old chestnut Sastabella, believed in foal to Blue Peter, who cost 15,500 dollars. She won one race and is by Hyperion's son Owen Tudor out of a Donatello 11 mare.

— P. T.C.

R. S. Clark a Seller

Robert S. Clark has his British mares with his racing manager and British Bloodstock Agency director Gerald McElligott at the Hardwick Stud.

Several of his American-bred mares came up at Newmarket, the most important of which was Eight Thirty's daughter Four O'Clock, a half-sister to Singing Grass, the dam of Never Say Die.

She is believed to be in foal to Derby winner Blue Peter and attracted a great deal of attention when she came up on the second day, until she was finally knocked down to William Hill's Whitsbury Stud for 19,000 dollars.

Another mare from the same stud went to Rex Ellsworth for 8,300 dollars, this being the seven-year-old Bastogne, a daughter of Frech champion Djebel. She is believed in foal to Faubourg II, who ran third in Tulyar's Derby.

— P. T.C.

Ryan Buys Relative of Heliopolis

Trainer Jim Ryan was another American buyer on the look-out for bargains at Newmarket, and he bought two lots on the second day.

He was first in the market for the seven-year-old brood-mare Ganaweh,

whom he secured at 13,000 dollars.

Believed safely in foal to The Cobbler, this bay mare won four races worth nearly 3,000 dollars and is by Persian Gulf out of Ebb and Flow, from Solario from Tideway, by Fairway out of Drift.

This is the great Stanley House family of Lord Derby whose members do not often come on the market.

Tideway bred Eclipse Stakes winner and Derby runner-up Gulf Stream, now doing well at stud in Argentina.

Readers will hardly need to be reminded that Drift is the dam of *Heliopolis.

It is the intention to have Ganaweh covered again in Britain next season before shipping her to the United States.

Ryan's other purchase, at 5,900 dollars, was the bay gelding Peach Blossom, a two-year-old who has won twice this year. — P. T.C.

Royal Charger Tops Sales

A review of the yearling sales in Britain and Ireland reveals that the produce of *Royal Charger attained the highest average for all lots sold.

Thirteen of his yearlings came under the hammer, their mean price being 13,900 dollars. Next to him came Court Martial with an average of 12,900 dollars for a similar number of horses.

The recent American purchases from Joseph McGrath, Solar Slipper and Arctic Prince, had respective figures of 4,280 dollars for 14 lots and 8,300 dollars for 11 lots. — P. T.C.

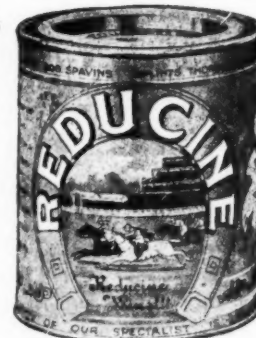
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The Clubhouse Turn



English Handicap Ratings

In his Free Handicap for two-year-olds, Geoffrey Freer has assessed the Court Martial filly Star of India at 9 st 7 lbs, no less than 4 lbs superior to any other juvenile. Unbeaten in her five races, she is out of the Gold Bridge mare Eastern Grandeur owned by Mrs. George Greenhalgh of Berryville, Va. and is an own-sister of High Treason who himself was given 9 st 2 lbs in the 1952 Free Handicap.

Next below her come, at 9 st 3 lbs, the French colt and filly Buisson Argent by the American-bred and raced Relic and Midget II, winners of the Middle Park and Cheveley Park Stakes respectively.

Owen Tudor's son Edmundo, half-brother to the yearling import *Master Pearler and to Gloria Nicky, is allowed 1 lb for a short-head defeat by Buisson Argent, and in turn gives a similar amount to Final Court who finished only a head behind him. Also on the 9 st 1 lb mark is Persian Gulf's produce Rustam, own-brother to One Thousand Guineas victor Zabara.

A son of *Royal Charger is placed ninth at 8 st 10 lbs, this being Gilles de Retz, and he is put 3 lbs above Monterey who is out of My Charger, a daughter of this horse.

Gimerack Stakes winner Idle Rocks gets 8 st 12 lbs, this chestnut colt by Rockefeller being a half-brother to Mrs. Sears' 43,000 dollar Saratoga purchase, the *yearling by Blue Peter from Idle Curiosity.

Leading placings are:

Star of India, 9-7; Buisson Argent, 9-3; Midget II, 9-3; Edmundo, 9-2; Final Count, 9-1; Rustam, 9-1; Sarissa, 8-13; Idle Rocks, 8-12; Gilles de Retz, 8-10; Ratification, 8-10; Milesian 8-10; Gratitude, 8-10; Spen Valley, 8-9; Fiere, 8-9; La Fresnes, 8-9; Monterey, 8-7. — P. T.C.

"Most Likely To Succeed"

The horse that will most likely succeed the mighty Nashua as racing's three-year-old champion is a dark brown colt named Career Boy.

The C. V. Whitney colt, winner of two stakes races as a juvenile this season, was the unanimous choice of "Most-Likely-To-Succeed" in the annual poll

by two of America's foremost handicappers released Saturday at Hialeah Park.

But that was practically the only category of agreement between Charles J. McLennan, veteran Hialeah racing secretary, and Frank E. (Jimmy) Kilroe, handicapper and racing secretary at all New York tracks and at Santa Anita.

Kilroe and McLennan based their selection on the future potential of the royally-bred Career Boy who lost a head decision to Prince John in The Garden State Stake, his last race. The Florida-bred Needles has already been voted two-year-old champion by Daily Racing Form and Nail is regarded as the top juvenile by the TRA.

Career Boy may get a chance to begin living up to his rating by McLennan and Kilroe in Hialeah's \$100,000 Flamingo Stake for which the son of Phalanx-Swanky is an expected nomination.

The two handicappers both agreed that Hasty House Farm's Platan made racing's most notable comeback of 1955. Platan overcame severe leg trouble to win two stakes and replace the mighty Hasty Road as Hasty House Farm's chief handicap star.

Biggest disappointment of 1955, said Kilroe, was Summer Tan, who went wrong after failing to give Nashua his expected competition in the Kentucky Derby. McLennan's major disappointment was Lavendar Hill, top mare of 1954 who broke down and was subsequently destroyed.

McLennan said Summer Tan was the hard luck champion, indicating he thought the stunning *Heliopolis colt would have carried the battle to Nashua and Swaps for sophomore honors if his legs hadn't gone wrong. Kilroe opined

that the doughty little gray, Determine, 1954 Kentucky winner, was 1955's hard luck champion. Determine took on all comers under high weight at all distances this year until he broke down finally in the Sunset Handicap.

Kilroe picked *St. Vincent winner of four turf events, as best grass horse of 1955, while McLennan leaned towards Hasty House Farm's *Stan. Kilroe picked Brookmeade Stable's Sailor, now at Hialeah, as 1955's most versatile performer, while McLennan split his decision here between Swaps and Platan.

*Miss Trig Tops Tattersall's Sale

An average of \$1,819 was realized at Fasig-Tipton Company's sale of Thoroughbreds of all ages at Tattersalls, Lexington, Ky. on December 1, when 74 head were sold for \$134,600.

The Glenangus Farm's consigned *Miss Trig, a 12-year-old by Trigo (Blandford)—Miss Scrope, by Duncan Gray, went for the top price of the entire sale when Harford Stud Inc. bid \$17,000 for the chestnut mare in foal to the Derby winner Dark Star. The same outfit also gave \$5,900 for Lady Satan, by *Pharamond II—Lady Teddy, by *Sir Gallahad III, in foal to General Staff.

The breeding stock of Herbert M. Woolf (the cornerstone on which the sale had originally been built), was marketed by Lou Doherty as Agent for a syndicate which purchased the Thoroughbreds from Mr. Woolf. Top price of the lot was the stake placed Sublime a 12-year-old bay daughter of Lawrin-Mea, by Messenger, in foal to *Marchons II, which was bought by the Crestfield Farm for \$3,700.

BEDLAM



BEDLAM, a young sire with no foals of racing age, offers notable bloodlines. His sire, Balladier—a grandson of Peter Pan—and his direct male line back to Domino, boast a sire line of speedy winners. His family, a sire family, is the family of Ariel, Swing and Sway, Domino, and great mares like Twilight Tear.

Bedlam is out of a mare by Bubbling Over, sire of the dams of Hill Prince, Busher, Mr. Busher, Attention, etc.—his dam being a granddaughter of a sister to Domino, and a half-sister to the dam of the French stakes winner, Trompette.

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The cubhunting season has come to an end, but the past two months, especially in the upper end of the Cheshire Country, has consistently shown sport of the highest order. Cubs have been quite plentiful and in their accustomed places; the weather and scenting conditions have been all that could be desired; and Mrs. Hannum's English bitches have had their share of blood and quite distinguished themselves.

Since the regular season began on the first of November, one of the best days was Tuesday the fifteenth from a meet at the Hamilton Farm adjoining Trimble's Hollow. Hounds were no sooner in covert than they spoke and were away in a flash, but their quarry proved to be of the home loving variety. When hounds pushed him into the open, he immediately turned back through the wood and was marked to ground on the north hillside facing his home covert.

Ten minutes later a stouter hearted fox was viewed from McCauley's with the Cheshire bitches hard on his brush, and racing across the valley to Powell's Wood, went on over Doe Run and across Runnymede nearly to Turner's Hill. Bearing left he ran as if for Buck Run, then swinging left again at the road, crossed the broad Schnader fields to Runnymede once more, where it looked for a moment as if Mr. Reeve's artificial earth was our pilot's final destination. But pushing on over the earth and creek these flying bitches went on through Powell's to Erwin's wood, and sinking the vale to the Nichols' meadows, ran up the creek to Tipping's and on to Blue Hill. Then bearing west he crossed to Hogg's and on to the Frog Pond where the pace slackened a bit; but these hard working hounds carried on towards Parksburg, then swinging right-handed, and picking it up here and there finally marked their fox to ground after an exceptionally good hunt of two hours.

Tuesday, 22nd November, 1955

The Tuesday country of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds has of late been showing most exceptional sport; consequently the Tuesday fields have increased to a large extent and, fortunately, thus far the Cheshire bitch pack has not failed to satisfy its followers. From the meet at Springdell the adjoining covert of Turner's Hill was unavailing, likewise Maule's, but Reynold's Wood held a brace of faint hearted fellows who popped to ground at the first opportunity. Then Powell's, just across the way, came to our rescue and hounds, opening with a great burst of music, raced over the vale to Runnymede, swung right through Reynolds and Maule's and, crossing the road into Schnader's, ran with great cry through a herd of several hundred King Ranch steers. Bearing south hounds recrossed Doe Run to Mullin's and keeping

the Vernon farm buildings on their left, were brought to their noses just before reaching Green Lawn. Carrying on to the Hamilton farm, and making a ring through the Trimble Hollow wood, the pack recrossed the Londonderry road to McClees' after running left-handed to McCauley's, and keeping Powell's Wood on their left, hounds turned right-handed down the meadows to Mullin's Hill and then returned over much the same line. They were at fault by the Runnymede dam, where several couples of hounds took advantage of the check to have a swim in the old mill pond; but a wide ranging hound picked up the line across the St. Malachy's Church road, and pushing rather slowly through McCauley's, were eventually run out of scent in the overgrown McClee farmstead. Time two hours and a half.

—Martin Gale

BLOOMFIELD OPEN HUNT

Bloomfield Hills,
Oakland County,
Michigan.
Established 1917.
Recognized 1920.

Insulation was the keynote for the Thanksgiving Day Hunt at Bloomfield Open Hunt. The thermometer had inched reluctantly up to 30 degrees by the time the field and followers met at William O. Bridge's Shinrone Farm for Irish coffee. And underneath all the pink coats, the polished boots and white breeches were sturdy layers of wind breakers. No one who left fireplaces and Thanksgiving turkey aromas for frost-bitten noses regretted it—not even two youngsters who rode fore and aft of their mother as she hacked to the meet.

With Master Thomas Wilson choosing to whip in and Joint Master Carleton C. Patterson leading the field, the hounds were cast from the meet and quickly found a fox.

With the fox running a safe distance



EGLINTON HUNT

R. R. 1. Todmorden,
Ontario,
Canada.
Established 1929.
Recognized 1934.



The Eglinton hounds started cubbing on August 20th, and have been out 29 times to date which includes 14 cub hunting mornings.

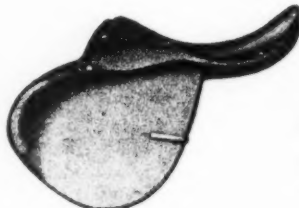
The Opening Meet was held on Saturday, October 8th at the residence of Mr. Irving Stone when a field of 41 turned out to enjoy a warm but good day's hunting.

It can be said that the weather has been kind to hunting in our country with sufficient rain between hunts for good scenting conditions. In consequence sport has been above average, and a number of good hunts have been scored from the home covert as well as the more northerly fixtures. Foxes are not only plentiful but in many parts too plentiful.

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Bloodhounds on Killer Dogs

Joe L. Coogan

Special Services Officer, Western District
(From the November Issue of VIRGINIA WILDLIFE)

Down in Russell County, Virginia, they have a new way of taking care of sheep-killing dogs — hunting them down with the aid of well-trained bloodhounds.

The novel idea is credited to Hunter Perry, the Russell County game warden, which with the assistance of Queen, a fine bloodhound, has been bringing culprit sheep-killing dogs to justice during the past several years.

Between the period August, 1952 and August 1, 1954, Russell County paid out to farmers a total of \$2,847.00 in 47 damage claims involving 215 sheep killed by dogs. It was during this period that warden Perry introduced the idea of bloodhound work and began the period of training and handling of a local bloodhound named Queen for the job of "county bloodhound" work.

To date the bloodhound has been used on 16 cases. Eight mongrel dogs were found guilty, making a canine conviction record of 50 percent on all cases where she was used.

It seems significant that on all 8 failures to trail down the maruders, the farmers had allowed their own dogs to visit the scene of the crime before Queen got there. In no case did Queen fail to lead Perry to some dog that had visited the dead sheep. Perry is of the opinion that the use of a bloodhound in the ap-



QUEENIE, the bloodhound.

prehension of sheep-killing dogs will work at least 50 percent of the time under almost any circumstance and is almost a "sure fire" method if the bloodhound is the first dog on the scene after the killing.

Now as what you expect on a bloodhound chase for a killer dog, this is a job where the skin and the seat of your britches may be at stake. When a bloodhound tightens the leash you are holding and is hot on the trail, you not only have to follow but the bloodhound sets the pace. The threat to your emotional stability isn't so great on the uphill pull, it's the downhill clamor that counts, especially when going through laurel thickets and briar patches. It takes muscle to keep the dog from jerking you flat on your face and dragging you half

to death. Your posterior may become heavily taxed when you sit down and dig your heels in the ground to slow him up. To top it off, Mr. Bloodhound will lead you right up to the hombre, sniff him a time or two and act as if he did you a great service by dragging you over hill and dale into the paws of your best friend. But the culprit dog killer will be your guilty dog, you can be sure of that.

Though the idea of bloodhound work has not been tried on enough cases to definitely predict the results, it is a new method that is certainly worth considering in those areas where sheep deaths due to dog predation are critical. It is indeed a credit to warden Perry that he has presented a new idea in Virginia which may help our game protectors with one of their most grueling problems: the apprehension of stray and undesirable dogs.

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Eglinton

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tiful, and their numbers add greatly to the difficulty of killing them, particularly as they are all of the red variety. On the other hand, there is no difficulty in finding, with the result that the 7½ couples of young hounds entered this season have, with one exception, entered extremely well and are now drawing and hunting like 2 or 3 season hounds.

Excluding puppies, 27½ couple of hounds were kennelled at the beginning of the 1955-56 season, and this number has since been reduced to 22½ couple.

A new section of country is being opened up comprising nearly 3000 acres, and an extensive panelling program has been planned in this area for next season. The land in this sector is of a sandy nature and therefore rides light when the reverse condition exists elsewhere.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Knox, former Joint Masters of The Eglinton Hunt in Ayrshire, Scotland; Viscount Cowdray from Sussex England; and quite recently Mr. Sherman Haight, Joint Master of the Lichfield Hunt, Connecticut and Mrs. Haight, and Mr. Tommy Johnson from Millbrook, N. Y. Another welcome guest seen out with our pack was Mr. R. E. Dole, Hon. whipper-in to the Blue Ridge Hunt at Millwood, Virginia.

A bye day on the Monday following the Royal Winter Fair week often provides some sport for exhibitors and others who have had temporarily to curtail their hunting activities, and this year we were able to welcome two youthful riders from Dorset, England, being Jenny and Jane Bullen. Mrs. Vincent Bladen kindly arranged for ponies from the Eglinton Branch of the Pony Club, and these mounts gave a very good account of themselves in the able hands of Jenny, 12, and Jane, 7 years old, who both took all fences in their stride.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Eglinton Hunt have been invited to parade hounds at the Royal Winter Fair before the hunt team event when His Excellency the Governor-General is present. Hounds were paraded by the Joint

Masters, Maj. Charles Kindersley and Lt. Col. Alan Burton, and Mr. Edward Cooper, an honorary first whipper-in.

—Hilldon

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GROTON HUNT

Groton,
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The Groton Hunt met Saturday, November 12 for a special children's fox hunt. 9½ couples of hounds met at 9 a. m. at Mr. and Mrs. William Bentinck-Smith's on Peabody Street. It was a slightly overcast day with 1½ inches of snow which was melting.

A nice touch was added before the hunt by huntsman Louis Alberghini mounted on a pony for the occasion, who had the children gather around him while he called forth each hound by name, thus giving the young entry a personal interest in the pack as well as attesting to the beautiful manners of the hounds.

Hounds were cast back of the Groton School power plant and found almost immediately. They went off with great cry running a zig zag line through a small cover in hilly territory. They burst out of the woods and crossed the Groton practice ski slopes where they were viewed by the members of the field as well as the spectators who were following the hunt in cars. At this point the proverbial blanket could have covered the pack. Then the hounds bore left through some woodlands, across Theophilus Smith's pastures and from here across the old Ayer road into the woods on the other side. They bore right and checked mom-

there were many opportunities during the run for the children, many of whom were on their first hunt, to see the hounds, and some who were with the huntsman viewed the fox during the first part of the run.

Following the hunt was a breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. Bentinck-Smith and their daughter Judy. The children hunting included Betty Elliott, Janice Meek, Otto Koch, Elsie Wright, Billie Wright, Nancy Lewis, Bettina Lewis, Paul Rowe, Judy Bentinck-Smith, Judy McCann, Nancy Moss, and Sally Hawley. The field also included many adult riders. —J. H.

Hunting On Foot

J. S. Jones

(Editor's Note: The author wrote the following while in the Armed Forces in 1945—station: The New Hebrides.)

Three years without any hunting and the prospect of an end to at least half of the war in the not too distant future have directed my thoughts towards the status of foxhunting in the much discussed post war world. Many people, service men and others, with an eye on rising taxes and reduced incomes are naturally inclined to say "Oh, I used to hunt . . . like nothing better, but I never expect to be able to afford it after the war!" It looks as if this may be a sad but fairly accurate picture for many. With this in

preserving foxes and by keeping their land clean and in shape and often even by handling "Public Relations" and damage claims for the hunt in their district. A landowner in this category, whether farmer or commuter, is supporting the hunt to a very great extent and getting enjoyment therefrom and he will accordingly have a keen interest in the hounds and in the organization. He will get pleasure from having the hounds meet at his house and find foxes in his coverts and he will know enough about the countryside and the sport in general to see a good bit of the run whether mounted or on foot.

The foregoing picture, true primarily in England, is also adaptable to the sport as practiced in our best hunting countries; and the closer the pattern is adhered to, the better the sport which will result. Modification to suit our customs, countryside and way of life are of course essential, but in any country preservation of foxes, maintenance of the panelling and the "walking" of puppies, all by the interested landowners, will go a long way towards reducing the cost of hunting the country and, at the same time give a sense of participation in the sport and "ownership" in the hounds to many people who might otherwise consider themselves outsiders for financial reasons. In this connection the establishment of Hunt Clubs in America tends, in many cases to run counter to the proper spirit of foxhunting. The pre-



(Janet I. Hamilburg Photo)

Huntsman and Field on Children's day at the Groton Hunt, Groton, Mass.

entarily behind Mr. Smith's barn, giving the children a welcome chance to catch up from this fast burst of about 15 minutes. No sooner had they arrived when the hounds were off again toward the railroad tracks which they crossed making a left hand turn. After several minutes they swung to the right, coming back across the railroad tracks and through Aelidies cow pasture where they were again in full view of the children. Leaving the cow pasture they ran along the crest of the hill below the Old Ayer Road for about a mile, then crossed into Deep Oak woods and, running over a high ridge, headed toward the town dump at Sandy Pond a mile and a half from the center of Ayer.

Here their pilot took advantage of the good going up a power line and shortly afterwards turned left into deep woods where they ran in big loops from one side to the other. After about 15 minutes in this big impassable covert hounds put their fox to ground.

This fox made approximately a three mile point in 42 minutes. Fortunately

mind it may be appropriate at this time to set down a few thoughts on the subject of hunting on foot, which is by no means as bad a prospect as it may seem at first and well worth the consideration of the real enthusiast. A large percentage of the charms of foxhunting are available to the follower on foot.

It should be noted that most standard English texts on foxhunting attach enough importance to the footfollower to include at least one chapter on this subject. The most complete appears, I believe, in the "Lonsdale Library" volume entitled "Fox Hunting" and edited by Sir Charles Frederick. In England the hounds are, in most instances, "the property of the country" in a very real sense, if not always in a strictly financial one. As a result of this factor many farmers and others living in the countryside take an active interest in the hunt even though they may not subscribe or maintain a stable of hunters. Their contribution to the sport is manifested in many ways, by "walking" puppies, by

cedent for "hunt clubs" was largely established prior to World War I, at a time when most hunting people lived in the cities where they worked and felt a need for a club in the country at which to keep their horses and clothes and often at which to stay for their one day's hunting per week. The Hunt Club was thus established and newer packs have followed the same nomenclature, even tho the original function has largely ceased to exist with the gradual migration to the country which has taken place in the last twenty years.

A step toward the more appropriate title was made some years back, I believe, at Radnor where the word club was dropped from the title and the organization became simply the Radnor Hunt. Other packs might well follow this example by eliminating an expression which implies that the hounds are the property of a limited few members of a club rather than "the property of the country" as they rightly should be. Good foxhunting will never exist in any coun-

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Roster Of Beagle Packs

1955

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

The year 1955 again showed progress in the expansion of not only beagledom but also bassetdom. Our registered packs now consist of twenty packs of beagles, five packs of bassets and one pack of harriers.

Our new packs are the Little Elk Beagles, Master, Carl A. Robinson; Noanet Beagles, Masters, Mr. and Mrs. John Grew; Rocky Fork Beagles, Master, Wallace C. Harrison; Poona Bassets, Masters, Kent and Adele Leavitt; and Sky Castle Bassets, Master, John Streeter. We report one withdrawal from the active pack list, namely the Tattivy Beagles, Henderson, North Carolina, but Bennett H. Perry, Master, assures us that we can count on his stories at our Dinner and Aldie gatherings.

In the 1954 Foreword we reported the disbanding of our oldest registered pack and stated "we do so hope that Josiah H. Child and the Bayard Tuckermans will find a way to keep this famous name active". Nature played her part in that two of three bitches which Josiah Child retained presented him with a total of twenty one puppies. Furthermore, Waldingfield was present with nine hounds at the National Beagle Club trials at Aldie scoring three third places in the three classes entered. Your Secretary predicts momentarily a reregistration.

Our 66th Annual National Pack trials in November at Aldie was not only as usual well attended but gave us the extreme pleasure in welcoming a Master of Foxhounds, George C. Clement, who hunted his Ligonier Valley Beagles to an excellent second place in the 13 inch two couple class. This good place not only reflects great credit on George Clement, but brings forth the magnificent consistency of the Waldingfield Beagles who presented this draft to the Ligonier Valley Beagles in 1954 in which year the Pemberton Beagles came to the trials with a Waldingfield draft to take first place in the same class.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
L. I., New York.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members; others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening—green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr. Huntsmen: the Masters. Honorary Secretary: Owen T. Frisbie. Whippers-In: John Roesler, Clinton G. Bush, Jr., Mrs. Barbara H. Conolly, Anne Conolly, Henry B. Thomson III. Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays. Telephone Brookville 5-4304. Visitors welcome.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr., 1934-1935; Henry B. Thompson, Jr., 1936-1937; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr., 1938-1948; John C. Baker, Jr., 1948-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES

Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-In: Margaret Wilson.

Ten couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hounds meet at the Master's convenience.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES

St. Michaels,
Maryland.
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Charles Schuck. Huntsman: Robert V. Huntman. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Mrs. Herbert T. Austin, Mrs. Robert V. Huntman.

Eleven couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Fox, hare, and cottontail rabbits hunted from September through March. Kennels at the home of the Huntman, Robert V. Huntman, Perry Cabin Farm, St. Michaels, Maryland. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only.

Country is approximately 10 miles by 5 with some paneling.

Former Master: Philip K. Crowe, 1933-1953.

LIGONIER VALLEY BEAGLES

Ligonier,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, blue collar. Master and Huntsman: George S. Clement. Honorary Secretary and Whippers-In: David C. Burton, Mrs. Kit Bughman, Mrs. George C. Clement.

Seven couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Kennels at Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier. Telephone Ligonier 500. Visitors welcome.

The country hunted is the same as hunted by the Rolling Rock Hunt.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin duPont. Huntsman: (professional) Willis Meyers. Whipper-In (honorary) John duPont.

Twenty couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience.

LITTLE ELK BEAGLES

Fair Hill,
Maryland.
Established 1949.

Private pack: Hunt livery and colors: Green, russet collar. Master: Whippers-In (Honorary) Janet Robinson, Carol Robinson, Jay Robinson.

Six couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunting September through March. Hounds meet on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays at the convenience of the master. Visitors welcome. Hounds hunt on western hare and cottontail rabbits in the country of the Foxcatcher Hounds by courtesy of the master; on European hare in country near Jobstown, New Jersey.

LITTLE PROSPECT BEAGLES

Jarrettown,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1952.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robin's egg blue collar with black piping. Mas-

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ters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Huntsman: Anthony N. B. Garvan. Honorary Secretary: F. Markoe Rivinus, Jr., 131 W. Rex Ave., Telephone Chestnut Hill 7-8163. Whippers-in: (Honorary) John Carey, F. Markoe Rivinus, George Woolley, Jr., Leslie Brynes. Junior-Whippers-in: Mary Jane Garvan, Kathleen Garvan, Alexander Armentrout, Richard Armentrout.

Ten couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt hare, cottontail and fox September to April 1. Thursdays, Sundays, and holidays. Country generally level with a few steep ridges. Centers Plymouth Meeting, Whitmarsh, Ambler, Doylestown.

MONMOUTH COUNTY BEAGLES

Box 588, Red Bank, New Jersey. Established 1885. Recognized 1904.

Public pack, supported by Subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Assistant Secretary: Mrs. R. G. Metcalf. Huntsman: (professional) Albert H. Smith. Whippers-in: Mrs. George S. Howell, R. G. Metcalf. (professional) Melvin Ryan. Kennelman: Clyde Smith. Foxhounds: 20% couple harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap \$10. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 4 miles from kennels. Hunters can be rented from W. H. Foales, Shrewsbury and Shoestring Stables, Red Bank. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm around October 25th and Monmouth County Horse Show at the Monmouth Race Track August 15th. Hounds went out 27 times last season. Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

NANTUCKET BEAGLES

RD 2, Westchester, Pennsylvania. Established 1926.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, maroon collar with white piping. Master and Huntsman: Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Margaret Wemple, David B. Sharp, Jr.

Seven couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits in local vicinity and jack rabbits June through August on Nantucket Island, Mass. Pack originally hunted mounted with over size beagles and known as Nantucket Harriers.

NOANET BEAGLES

Dover, Massachusetts. Established 1952.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with red piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. John Grew. Huntsman: Mrs. John Grew. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Nat Grew.

Eight couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters.

NORTH COUNTRY BEAGLES

Oxford, Michigan. Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green. Gold collar with black piping; evening same. Master and Huntsman: Reese E. Howard. Honorary Secretary: Dean Bedford, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Emory Clark II, William R. Clark, Jr., Dean Bedford, Jr., Miss Charlotte D. Nichols, Charles K. Backus, Mrs. Reese E. Howard.

Twelve couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Original draft from the Sandanona Beagles, Millbrook, New York. Hunt cottontail rabbits and hare. Sundays and holidays, October through April. Visitors welcome.

OLD CHATHAM HUNT FOOT BEAGLES

Old Chatham, New York. Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Affiliate of Old Chatham Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green with cavalry yellow collar and green piping. Masters: Albert S. Callan, Jr. and Mrs. Henry M. Gammack. Huntsman: Albert S. Callan, Jr. Whippers-in (Honorary) Thomas H. Quinn, Hugh McB.

Johnston, John S. Williams, Jr., Paul Tilson. Field Master: Henry M. Gammack.

Eight couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Ballintra Farm, West Ghent, New York. Hunt cottontail rabbits and hare Sunday afternoons and holidays, October 1 to April 1. Country is rolling farm and woodland in vicinity of Old Chatham, Kinderhook, and West Ghent. Visitors welcome. Address, Mrs. Henry M. Gammack, Kinderhook, New York.

Former Masters: Capt. Sydney Smith (1952); Orlan A. Johnson (1953).

PEMBERTON BEAGLES

Fallston, Maryland. Established 1925.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with Nile green piping. Master and Huntsman: Dean Bedford. Kennelman: Irving Weeks.

Five couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Hounds meet at the Master's convenience. Kennels at Fallston.

POONA BASSETS

Millbrook, New York. Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Barclay gold, russet collar. Masters: Kent and Adele Leavitt. Whippers-in (Honorary) Mrs. Kent Leavitt.

Four couples bassets. Hounds meet at the convenience of the masters, September through March. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits and hare. Telephone Millbrook 622.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall, Keswick, Virginia. Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in: (professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-in: (honorary) Jake Carle.

Eight couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1st to April 1st, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

ROCKY FORK BEAGLES

Gahanna, Ohio. Established 1954.

Subscription pack maintained as a part of Rocky Fork Headley Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gentian collar with light blue piping. Master: Wallace C. Harrison. Whippers-in (Honorary) Miss Betty Kalles, Harry W. Brown, H. Richard P. Niehoff. Field Master: Miss Patricia Horst.

Nine couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt



(Freudy Photo)

Buckram Beagles' Bellman, National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—the best 15" Beagle, at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show this year.

Sunday afternoons, middle of September through March. Country hunted is approximately 6 miles by 12 miles in the Rocky Fork country adjacent to the village of Gahanna, Ohio.

ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF INFANTRY BEAGLES

Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Rifle-green, infantry scarlet collar with maroon piping. Masters: Colonel Peter R. Bingham DSO and Captain John A. Gillanders. Huntsman: J. A. Gillanders. Kennelman (Professional): Ed Thompson. Secretary: Mrs. J. A. Gillanders.

Ten couples English beagles. Hunt native brown hare Fridays and alternate Sundays, October through March. Kennels at Camp Borden. Visitors welcome.

Country is generally sandy, uncultivated, with pine wood strips.

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook, New York. Established 1948.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping; evening—green, yellow silk facings with gray piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Roger A. Young. Whippers-in: Miss Adele Leavitt, Miss Millicent B. Whittall, E. Gordon MacKenzie, Oakleigh L. Thorne.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits Sundays and holidays October through March. Kennels at Millbrook. Telephone Millbrook 3337 or 2783. Visitors welcome.

Country is rolling farm and woodland.

SIR—SISTER BEAGLES

Natick, Massachusetts. Established 1903.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Mrs. Jane E. Dane and Henri F. Prunaret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Herwood. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Mrs. Henri F. Prunaret, Roger Williams.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

Former Master: Chetwood Smith, 1903-1952.

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(Freudy Photo)

Buckram Beagles' Beauty, National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—the best 13" Beagle, at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show of 1955.

A Great Day With The Buckram Beagles The Washington's Birthday Hunt

Barbara H. Conolly

Sunday, February 20th, was a soft, spring-like day with a wide blue sky and the breath of earth in the air. A strong sun brought bubbles out of the frosty ground and even a white-throated sparrow broke out in song at the meet. It was a day to take every hound in the kennels out for exercise (there is no traffic to worry about on the beautiful Marshall Field place where we were meeting — 1400 acres of pasture and woodland on the sea) and a day for everyone to wander along and get some air and sunshine. Not a day for a driving hunt or a lot of running. Not at all. Or so we thought.

Hare Springs Up

At 3:00 P. M. exactly, a hare sprang from her warm, sun-soaked form near the skeet shoot range and gave the lie to our calculations. She was not viewed by hounds, but as soon as they were put on the line they went off like a shot and ran the line as if it were painted on the ground. A chorus fit for St. Hubert himself rose from the twelve couple of hounds as they poured over the grass, the dog hounds forming the brass and the puppies pitching in an eager soprano. With tremendous drive they ran across the fields to the front of the house, checked an instant by the beech tree swung left-handed, and drove through a corner of the woods; then, running their hare almost to view, they swept around the corner of the pheasant runs and burst out into the skeet shoot field again. Here they checked two or three times and worked the line more slowly to the far western corner. Where the lanes cross, they checked again momentarily, then, evidently on stronger scent, they raced across the length of the north pasture to the main driveway. During a check here, the hare got up and flew back across the field. She was a big specimen in good coat, and moved as easily over the grass as a race horse on the track, giving several high bounds into the air to locate herself as she went.

Hot on the line again, hounds flew through two pastures and checked on a driveway near a woods. Despite the fumes of a passing car, old Dartar — a truly great road hound — picked the line carefully up the macadam. Moonlight and Merry-maker soon honored her and the pack worked it fitfully up the drive to an apparent loss about ¼ mile further on.

Then suddenly a halloo put us right — the hare had jinked up a path to the field and hounds were soon pouring across the grass again in pursuit.

We had been running hard for about an hour now and many people were dropping out. Had they but known it, they would have stayed, for the best was yet to come.

Approaching the house, instead of bearing left, our game hare went by the west end of the house, down the cliff there, and lit out along the edge of a beautiful park which stretched for better than half a mile straight to the pale expanse of Long Island Sound.

Only Five Beaglers Close

There were only five beaglers close enough to the pack when they reached the end of that field to see what happened next. They were Joe Conolly, Huntsman, Jack Oelsner, Whip, Dan Blagden, Charlie Corcoran, and Mike

Quinlan. There were also three boys playing on the beach.

The hare, never hesitating, plunged over the sand cliff at the end of that field, ran eastwards along the beach for a hundred yards and squatted among the black rocks which were exposed by the low tide. Just as hounds were running the line over the edge of the cliff, the three boys accidentally kicked up the hare, whom they had not seen, and, in a desperate bid for freedom, she made straight for the sea and began to swim away from shore. Whether she did it in sheer panic, to foil the hounds, or was heading for two large rocks off shore was hard to say, but before she had gone very far, she apparently changed her mind, plunged back through the low water to the shore near the beach house and disappeared around the point.

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Roster of Beagle Packs

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STOCKFORD BASSETS

Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1935.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. (1935) Alfred E. Bissell Master and Huntsman. Kennels near Chadds Ford Pennsylvania.

Ten couples Bassets. Cubbing starts in August Hunting October 15th to March 15th. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of 3 miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

SKY CASTLE BASSET HOUNDS

Chester Springs,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1949.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, crimson collar. Master and Huntsman: John W. Streeter. Whippers-in (Honorary) Donald Thompson, Donald Metz, Jr.

Seven couples bassets. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March.

TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS

Gladstone,
New Jersey.
Established 1930.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, robin's egg blue collar. Masters and Huntsmen: James S. Jones and Haliburton Fales, II. Honorary Secretary: Charles B. P. Van Pelt, Jr., Far Hills, New Jersey. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Margaret Wemple, John Ike, Henry L. Hall, John L. Eyre. Kennel Huntsman: Donald Miller. Hon. Secretaries: Mrs. James Case, Mrs. Louis Stare.

Twelve couples bassets. Hunt native hare and jack rabbits in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. Sundays and holidays, October through March. The area was formerly hunted by the late Mr. R. V. N. Gambrill's Vernon Somerset Beagles, and is part of the country of the Essex Fox Hounds. Visitors welcome.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hampstead,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Owned by the Master, supported by subscriptions. Hunt Livery and Colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping. Evening dress: Green coat, old gold facings with blue piping. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: John Carroll Dunn. Filed Master: Victor Weybright. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Mrs. Charles R. Rogers, Mrs. John Bayley, Miss Charles Williams and Elwood Boblitz.

Basset Hounds: 14 couples, Hunting cottontail, Kansas jack and fox. Season: October 1st to March 15th. Hunting Weekends and Bye-Days. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md. The country is grass, woodland and cultivated in Baltimore, Harford and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local Hunts.

TREWERYN BEAGLES

Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.

A subscription pack founded 1924, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping; evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: David B. Sharp, Jr. Huntsman: James G. Lamb, Jr. Chairman of Field Committee: A. William Battin. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Richard H. Thompson, W. West Frazier, IV, George S. Hundt, John B. Todd, Lester T. Hundt, Jr., Robert M. Scott, Kennel huntsman: (professional) Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sunday, August 20th to April first.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Sharp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint-Masters), 1929-1930.

WHITFORD BEAGLES

Gates Mills,
Ohio.
Established 1930.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening same. Master: Andrew Ford. Huntsman: William Downie IVth. Field Master: John Gilchrist. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Richard Seymour. Whippers-In: (Honorary) David Grund, Charles Richardson, Alfred Vehring, George Watkins, Robert Adomait and Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples 13 and 15-inch beagles hunt country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Hunt Kansas jack rabbits and cottontail rabbits. October through March. Sunday fixtures and mid-week bye-hunts. Address: Andrew Ford, 2870 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Former Master: Horatio Ford, 1930-1952.

WOLVER BEAGLES

Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whippers-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome.

A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

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66th Annual National Pack Trials

Jane Dane

Not entirely consecutively, but mighty consistently, I have been attending the National Pack Trials in Aldie for many years I have come with my father, with a husband, with my friends, and this year, as a new divorcee, but whatever my role I have had a wonderful time, and I think that everyone does. Aldie has its own private, peculiar charm that, once lived, is never forgotten. Indeed, I believe the dead return in spirit to hover in a benign way over this earthly sporting paradise.

The trials began Thursday, Nov. the tenth, with eleven 13 inch two couple packs. The Ligonier Valley pack was first down. This pack is a draft from Waldingfield and George and Ann Clement are huntsman and whip. George's father, Kimball Clement, the famous "Little Albert Man", showed his Pen-tucket hounds for years at Aldie but ac-

day being Liseter and Sir Sister. Flash Lights and hurricane lanterns were carried by the judges, who were John Cowperthwaite of Far Hills, New Jersey and Owen Payne of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, a fine capable pair.

Friday, the 11th, was thankfully clear as were the rest of the days, scenting throughout varied as it always does from good to impossible and by Sunday, we were all in shirt sleeves with the Basset-teers in shorts.

Running eighteen packs takes a lot of time and good judgment on the part of the judges. The runs were mostly very good, so that the winners were exceptional packs.

North Country won with Reece Howard in control for the last time as he is turning over his pack to Charlie Backus. Tre-weryn was second, Bun Sharp hunting. Waldingfield third, and the Briarwood,

won with a hard driving run to a kill. Sir Sister was second with the most improved huntsman of the year at the helm, my joint master, Henri Prunaret; Third, Waldingfield with Barrie Whittall whip extraordinaire; Raynham, Reserve. As Mrs. Carle with Charley came up the hill to seek the judges, three different people told her three different directions. Mr. Carle, that distinguished gentleman, said mildly, "How many chief stewards are there?"

So, the Bassets were welcomed to Aldie. Ten A. M. Saturday was reserved for these hounds. Poona down first, won; Tewksbury was second and Timber Ridge, third. Louis Starr, long a beagle man, is now front and center for the Bassets, his slogan or war cry being "Better Buy Bassets". During the running of the Poona, a member of the field saw a large black snake and cried "So Ho! So that is what they hunt."

Raynham won the eight couple class with an extremely good hunt, confused in the beginning by sight chases and kennel noises, but when Francis blows her horn, 16 hounds fly to her, and she did



The Bench Show—The second hound from the left, shown by Leslie Brown, is Waldingfield's Noanet Novice who won the Welfare Cup for the best 13" beagle. To her right is Sandanona Laughter, reserve and the winner in 1954.

cording to George, never bothered to ask his son down. George is much like his father whom we all thought so much of. The Clements were a wonderful addition and I'm sure, will come again. They had a very nice hunt placing second.

My mount for this year was a lady mule name "Kate". For most of Thursday morning I was busy trying to stay aboard a most spooky lady. She wears blinkers, but even so, sees a lot of unnecessary things.

By lunch the dining room was full with the new-as-of-last year cafeteria style working well. Pouring rain greeted us for the afternoon with much borrowing of rain suits, hats, boots etc.

Liseter II won the 13 inch two couple which was very pleasant for Jean Dupont and her new huntsman, Willis Myers, Ligonier second, Waldingfield, with Leslie Brown back as huntsman, third, and Sir Sister reserve.

Eighteen 15 inch two couple were drawn and drowned in the wet, one after another. The last two packs on Thurs-

reserve. The Briarwood pack is a newcomer to Aldie. The hounds belong to Dr. Frank R. Whitehouse from Lynchburg, Va. They arrived on leashes and departed pack-broken, or almost. Next year, like the Blackwelder pack, I am sure they will be obedience trained. Mr. Blackwelder with his three children, Betty, Ginny and Bill, ran a puppy pack out of Waldingfield Trinket. I own her little sister, Waldingfield Trifle who is the mascot, being a dwarf of the "Red Devils", and she has never hunted in her life. More power to the Blackwelders.

This is still Friday, still a nice day. Roger Williams of Natick, Mass. arrived to run his William's pack, and the Leavitts, Kent and Adele, moved in with their Poona Cheese and Poona Bassets.

Friday evening the Sir Sister entertained at cocktails. As one of the hostesses, I may only say I hope everyone had as good a time as I.

Saturday finished the four couple which I haven't mentioned before, but there were eleven packs. North Country

have the help of Henri Prunaret, who, if the most improved huntsman, might well be the most improved whip, too. Certainly he knows what he wants and doesn't get it from us. Tre-weryn was second; Sir Sister third; and Liseter, reserve. There were six entries.

A bench show followed Saturday lunch. A chance for photography, a showing off of the liveries for the eight couple packs and a lounging in the sun.

The best 13 inch dog or bitch was Waldingfield Novice, a bitch. The best 15 inch dog or bitch was Sir Sister's Cornelia, a bitch. The best two couple fifty percent field and fifty percent bench went to North Country. This is the National Challenge Cup. Their four couple received the Sir Sister Cup for the highest score in the field. Not stopping there, North Country also won the best four couple 50% bench 50% field to win the John C. Baker, Jr. Memorial Cup and finally the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial. I trust Mrs. Howard has plenty of silver polish.

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Mr. Kent Leavett and his daughter Adele win first place with their Poona Bassets.



The North Country's winning 4 couple are ordered up after a kill.—(l to r.)—Reese Howard, Charlie Backus, the new Master and Morgan Wing, Jr.

National Pack Trials

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Three packs gave a cocktail party on Saturday night. Poona, Sandanona and Old Chatham, all at once I mean. Following the annual meeting, followed a champagne fill-up, the Watchman Cup party at the Red Fox given by the winners.

There are a "happy few" who though devoted to Aldie and all its ways prefer the comfort and style of the Red Fox, Master and Huntsman, Mrs. Gassaway.

There this year were the Carles, the Robert Slikes, he the new owner of Hounds and Hunting, the Duponts, Jean and John, the Fulweilers, and the Sir Sister ladies, Mildred Prunaret, Jane E. Dane and Pat Walker. The Snowdens used to be members, but this year Edwina was left at home, while Allen braved the Institute in a cabin with Jo Child and Ike Carrel.

Sunday was really hot. The 13 inch three hour stake was run and won by Briarwood Dandy with Liseter Ruby a close second. There were 13 entries and it was run on the Russel farm where all mistakes are glaringly obvious.

The 15 inch three hour stake, run there also with greater heat and a scarcity of game, was won by Liseter Lofty II. Treweryn Burgess was second and North Country Sandanona's Merry Maker II placed third.

Sunday lunch was put off until two, giving North Country a chance to give a Bloody Mary party. This was a tremendous success.

So, the packs pack up and depart their several ways, the cabins are closed once more, another sad farewell to the ever-pleasant Aldie and beagle fame, is said by all.

We will meet again at the Bay State in April, I trust.

SUMMARIES

15" two couple-Foxcatcher Plate, 11 packs—1. Liseter II; 2. Ligonier Valley; 3. Waldingfield; 4. Sir Sister.

15" two couple-Wheatley Frantic Cup, 18 packs—1. North Country; 2. Treweryn; 3. Waldingfield; 4. Briarwood.

Four couple-Somerset Challenge Cup, 11 packs—1. North Country; 2. Sir Sister; 3. Waldingfield; 4. Raynham.

Eight couple-Watchman Cup, 6 packs—1. Raynham; 2. Treweryn; 3. Sir Sister; 4. Liseter.

13" three hour stake-Minstrel Plate, 14 entries—1. Briarwood Dandy; 2. Liseter Ruby; 3. Briarwood Smokey; 4. Liseter Moonlight; Res. Sandanona V. S. Blotter.

15" three hour stake-Treweryn Forger Cup, 12 entries—1. Liseter Lofty II; 2. Treweryn Burgess; 3. North Country's Sandanona Merry-maker II; Res. Old Chatham's V. S. Stormer.

SHOW AWARDS

Liseter Plate Best 13" Beagle—1. Waldingfield's Noanet Novice (Waldingfield Postman,

Waldingfield Nordic) Res. Sandanona Laughter CCH Liseter Merrylad, Vernon Somerset Beverly.

Turnbull Cup-Best 15" Beagle—1. Sir Sister Cornelia; Sir Sister Ebro-Sir Sister Sue; Res. Waldingfield Prophet; DuCH-Amawalk Link-Waldingfield Pumpkin.

National challenge cup, for two couples-field work 50 per cent-show qualities 50 per cent—1. North Country; Res. Waldingfield.

John C. Baker Jr. Plate for four couples-field work 50 per cent-show qualities 50 per cent—1. North Country; Res. Waldingfield.

Sir Sister Cup—highest scored pack in the field, North Country four couple.

Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy, highest total scored pack in the field—1. North Country, 22 points; 2. Liseter, 21 points; 3. Treweryn, 20 points.

13 inch—ALL AGE DOGS—52 starters—1. Chase-away Call Boy, R. E. Sawhill; 2. Trumpit, W. P. Land; 3. Forest Mt. Cho Cho, F. P. Seaboldt; Res. Todsky's Pat, R. Todhunter.

13 inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—80 starters—1. Pearl of Paradise, Z. R. Henry; 2. John's Joy, J. Folk; 3. Lake Side Minnie, G. R. Slater; Res. Gress Toben, C. E. Gress.

15 inch—ALL AGE DOG—22 starters—1. CABO's Mr. Bing, M. C. Bowman; 2. Redmartin Jack, W. S. Martin; 3. Mill Road Scraper, B. Skinner; Res. Glover's Old Dom, Rusty, E. E. Glover.

15 inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—38 starters—1. Wildwood Magic, N. M. Holdsworth; 2. Beallwood's Mickey, T. Sandusky; 3. Glover's Mississippi Bessy, E. E. Glover; Res. Cochran's Windy, E. R. Cochran.

JUDGES—Stew Schwartz, Roy Bundick

Stray Bullet Didn't Stop Irish Whipper-In

The Curragh Beagles were lucky at their Opening Meet at Jockey Hall that they did not end the day with the Whipper-in's head mounted on an oak shield

over the caption:—"Killed at The Curragh October 9, 1955, after twenty-five minutes of the best".

The pack was started last year and are kennelled in The Curragh Training Camp, Headquarters of the Irish Army, and are run jointly by military and civilians.

Soon after the Master, Captain Reg. Alvey, moved off with his 10½ couples, they found a hare in Bricklands. She must have picked up a thing or two from watching army manoeuvres, as she made a bee-line for the rifle range where members of the F.C.A. (Forsa Cosanta Aitíul . . . civilian volunteers) were firing their course.

The cry of hounds and the twang of the hunting horn were soon drowned in the whine of bullets as the pack stormed along towards the danger area.

Luckily, Captain Pat Reidy, the hon. secretary, halted the followers at the prohibited zone between the red warning flags hoisted on Knox's Corner and, almost two-miles-distant, Sunny Hill.

But the Master and two Whippers-ins, Capt. Ralph Grogan and Mr. Richard McGlynn (who owns "Illusive's Day" and other good winners) went ahead to try and stop the hounds.

They headed them off before they reached the butts, but a ricochet bullet whizzed past Mr. McGlynn.

A kill may be desirable on an Opening Meet, but not that kind!

It was a lively incident in a most enjoyable day.

—S. L.



George Clement, Master of the Ligonier Valley Beagles and his two whips, his wife, Anna, and Kit Bughman.

Little Prospect Beagles Show Fine Sport Last Season

The Little Prospect foot beagles (Jarrettown, Pa.) started the season with very little game but much enthusiasm from both senior and junior members of the field. The weather in November was warm and dry, but by December the cold rains had set in and better scenting was inevitable. The opening of the new year saw a decided improvement in sport. January 2 beagles met at Mr. Milligan's house. After a short draw through the Gwynedd Sisters of Mercy College grounds, we found a stout rabbit who gave a thirty minute run with few checks along the Trewern Stream and through the woods of the late Newbold Ely. Drawing past the Ely house several cottontail were jumped, but went to ground after a few good swings. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan's tea topped off a day noteworthy for the vistas of green coats and eager hounds seen against a backdrop of stone bridges and pine woods.

Sunday January 9 the masters invited the Skycastle Bassets to hunt with us.

a favorite earth, carried the pack at a good pace for some thirty minutes the length of Buckingham Mountain. Cold and approaching darkness forced the Master to lift hounds as they turned toward the mountain. Douglas Paxson MFH and some twenty persons followed the beagles back to the Paxson barn.

Sunday January 30 was our first meet at Mrs. George Tyler's Neshaminy Farms. Bitter cold weather had frozen the Neshaminy solid and made cottontail hunting almost impossible. Vernon Somerset Sprangle almost alone put up a fine red fox and led the pack in full cry across the ice. The staff and field followed more carefully. Scent seemed to fail on the far bank. Casting back hounds jumped their quarry again and had a good run past the old mill and up the gorge. Near dark, the scent failed and the small field walked home in the scarlet dusk.

February 20 we met at Thomas Ashbrige's but drew through the Douglas

crouch to lead the pack a steady pace for about a mile circle between the dark mountain and setting sun. Whips and field saw their patience rewarded as hounds, nicely bunched, steadily led them on.

February 27 we met at Latrobe Roosevelt's in Three Tuns. After marking a cottontail smartly we jumped a red fox and ran fast for fifty-five minutes. Unfortunately an uncertain halloo threw us off and fading scent caused a loss near dark.

The month of March has proved to be as near perfect hunting as possible. The hounds have just about worn out both field and staff especially the latter. On March 6 the meet was at Mrs. Tyler's Neshaminy farm. Seldom has rain fallen harder or more continuously. The scent was burning and the hounds killed a cottontail, ran a fox, and ran a second rabbit over a one mile point to ground at six o'clock. March 13 was a warm blue day, just right for children and old people, and the hounds found it likewise for they ran infinite numbers of cottontails, two hare and a red fox on which they were stopped at dark. This day we met at Mrs. Morris Roosevelt's place. On March 20 we hunted from Mr. C. Mahlon Kline's at Broad Axe. The weather was spring-like and the hounds were fast and accurate. They killed two cottontails in the open. Our final Sunday hunt on March 27 took place under almost unbearable conditions: sub-freezing temperature and winds of fifty and sixty miles per hour. The meet was at the Jarrettown Tavern and we might well have stayed right there. However, we would have missed an excellent run on a hare and some five cottontail marked to ground. Hot tea was more than a necessity and we were glad to welcome and help thaw out the almost frozen field.

Altogether the pack made satisfactory progress. Enthusiastic whips and my own family during August made possible the Thursday morning hunts at 5:45 during which hounds always stopped at 7:00 A. M. In consequence hounds went out eighty-two times, marked one hundred and nine rabbits, five foxes and killed five times. A mixed pack of seven couple, of which five couple were entered this season or last, did the bulk of the hunting. On checks the valued drafts from Vernon Somerset, Nantucket, Trewern, Buckram, the Dummer and Joseph Baldwin still carried the lions share of poor scenting. Poor weather reduced the fields after January 15, but on two occasions fields well in excess of one hundred persons were noted. — J. N. G.



LITTLE PROSPECT BEAGLES—(L. to r.): Leslie Byrnes, Peter Reed, Joint-Master Jane Garvan, W. Gribbel, Joint-Master Tony Garvan, A. Sheidt, Jack Sheidt, and G. Wooley.

Both packs experienced difficulty with scent, but the pleasure of seeing the bassets work brought out a record field of over 125 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Street-er's pack was the first to visit our country and inaugurated what I hope can be an annual custom.

Sunday January 16 we met at the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture and did not find until we reached the broad stretches of open fields lying to the east of Limekiln Pike. Here a good hare was jumped and gave us a forty minute driving circle in which only a few of the staff could stay with hounds. A check near the highway delayed us badly so hounds were lifted and drew to Mrs. Morris Roosevelt's spinney. Here a strong red fox was jumped which, after a short loop, ran straight necked for thirty minutes to ground in Chambers Woods. Hounds did a fine job carrying the scent at a fast pace across a field so recently limed that clouds of fertilizer hid them from view.

Sunday January 23 was a dark cloudy day that pressed down upon the Buckingham Valley. Several cottontail were jumped in the deep quarries that pierce the level plain. None of these rabbits could be driven into the open although one was chopped. Hounds were lifted and east toward Buckingham Mountain where a cold fox's line, picked up near

Paxson's farm. At four o'clock we jumped a hare and, although a second was put up, stayed with the hunted hare until 5:45 when hounds were stopped for darkness. Warm sun, level open fields and great cry made this the best day of the season. Hounds could not carry over the plow but Dummer Dairymaid, Baldwins Benny, and Buckram Rabbit three times jumped the hare and drove it from a

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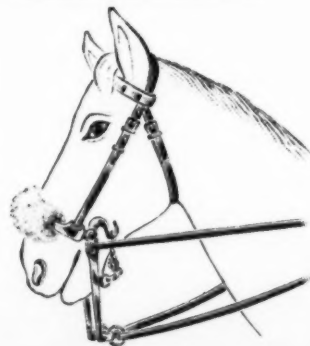
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Merryllass, An Old Beagle Leads a Pack Of "Rabbit Hounds"

C. R. Acton

The old windmill stands, or used to stand, on an eminence near Sidley, in Sussex, and a few minutes before the time for moving off you could descry six small boys and a very motley collection, usually about four and a half couple, of four footed friends. And these are the Hunt staff, the field and the pack of the "Rabbit Hounds".

Let us draw near and inspect the pack. The master will not mind, in fact he will point them out to you with pleasure. First, a big Irish Terrier called "Tarquin". What a hunting name! Do you recall Mr. Wroughton's Tarquin? Well we have a Tarquin, too. Next, "Dandy". I am afraid the pack is not very level, for Dandy is a toy Black and Tan. Then "Boniface", a regular mongrel, and so-called because he has such a bonny face. Next we have a couple of Foxhound puppies. They, of course, are only passing members of the pack, as they are out at walk, and so their membership of this famous company is only transient. They certainly add tone to the proceedings, but they will **not** hunt with the pack. They prefer birds, sheep, cats, **anything** they will chase, not with fell designs, but to keep them bright and interested in life. They are distressingly light-hearted. Not so the next couple and a half, game little Fox Terriers, two dogs, one bitch, all three entered well to fox and badger. The bitch has only one eye, and is as hard as nails. These three take the whole proceedings **very** seriously.

And now we come to the star of the pack, and old Beagle bitch, named "Merryllass", who has been drafted from a **real** pack, and is finishing her days on the farm. Whisper it gently, it is Merryllass who does nine-tenths of the work of the pack. She is slow, of course, but her faculties are otherwise unimpaired by age. There you are! How is that for a nice little pack?

But let us watch them in the field. The huntsman puts them into that small wood. "Leu in! The Beagle and the Terriers need no urging. The Foxhound puppies flounder about and then start chasing a sheep in the meadow. Next, they put their noses down and hunt some line, racing away dead mute. Meanwhile, Tally Ho! A rabbit bounces and scuttles off, the Terriers squeaking frenziedly in pursuit. A terrific blast on the beagle horn that the huntsman is so proud of being able to blow, but it is all over in a minute, that glorious burst. Gone to ground!

The huntsman's orthodox "Leu wind 'im!" is broken off by his having to prevent the Terriers from going to ground. How annoying of them not to realise when they are terriers and when hounds!

But they are restrained, and the huntsman takes a ferret from his pocket and puts him to ground. He is not long at his job. In goes the ferret and out pops Bun. "Tally Ho!" The hunt is up! Bouncing in and out of bushes, round trees, like an india-rubber toy, goes Bunny, the terriers and the mongrel squeaking ecstatically after him, next is little Dandy, ears tight back, cutting off a corner here, dodging round there. Last but by no means least, is Merryllass, hunting every yard of the line, but declining to speak to what she has been brought up to regard as riot. But, oh! He faces the open! And after a scurry of two or three field scent fails, and the huntsman, with

the aid of Merryllass, makes a masterly cast and hits off the line again, and finally Who-Whoops him to ground an incredible distance from where he was found. One Foxhound puppy is induced to poke her nose in alongside Merryllass, who is determinedly, but silently marking.

But the Rabbit Hounds have been known to kill above ground! The death was celebrated in style worthy of Jor-rocks at the end of the Old Customer run! And when the pack was urged to "tear 'im and eat 'im!" who was it but old Merryllass who over-rode her own scruples on the matter of "riot", and who secured by far the largest portion? Dear old lady! She well deserved it!

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Hounds had not seen her and Huntsman Joe Conolly did not lift them immediately to the point where she left the water in order to give such an unusual animal a good chance for her life. However, he need not have been so considerate as hounds could not handle the scent of wet "Lepus Americanus" on the sand at all. Only Mona feathered along the drift line every fifty or a hundred feet.

Castling up the bank by the beach house, the Huntsman was rewarded by a sudden burst of cry and a short drive to the edge of the lake where a stunning cock pheasant plummeted into the air!

Retracing Steps

Quickly calling hounds away and re-tracing his steps, he cast carefully up the beach and along the edge while the runners caught their breath and watched silently. For twenty minutes or so there was no sound but the lapping of the waves, the wail of an occasional gull, and the honking of a small flock of curious Canada geese which paddled offshore. The notes of the horn were strangely muted in the vast canopy of sea and sky and we seemed out of place in this sea-washed world. If the hounds hadn't been so matter-of-fact about the business at hand, it would have been hard to believe we were not in a dream or a painting.

Forced to Return

Finally the Huntsman was forced to return to the beach house area as the only possibility left, despite our previous digression on the pheasant there. Sure enough, hounds slowly picked up the line along the driveway, where presumably the hare's feet had dried off on the leaves, and worked it up at a good pace to the head of the park where they checked and could not recover the line anywhere in a circular cast.

Here it might be interjected that we had four puppies out just a year old which had distinguished themselves all day: Linesman (The Boy in the "Finding Your Nose" story) Dimple, (the adolescent in the same story), Molly, and Diligent. Now Diligent suddenly opened up on the cliff with a roar that must have rattled his tonsils; Huntsman Conolly, showing faith in the puppy which has responded so beautifully all day, brought the pack up to him and thus committed the only error of the hunt. Diligent was not running the hare, but a hot cotton-tail, and after twenty furious minutes of running the cottontail up and down and around the cliff gardens, we whipped hounds off at 5:15 P. M., glad also to spare a hare which had provided Buckram with one of the most unique and glorious hunts in its history.

The Washington's Birthday Hunt

What a pleasant thing it is that every once in a while in the wake of something nice comes something even nicer! As if an engagement were not a delightful enough occurrence to a girl — there follows a wedding! Or as if it weren't uplifting enough to win a good purse with your horse, there follows a substantial offer for him!

Elsewhere in this issue is reported a brilliant and unusual day, Sun. Feb. 20th, with the Buckram Beagles on Long Island, wherein they drove a hunted hare down to the sea on the Marshall Field Place on Lloyd's Neck and forced her to take to the water. We had scarcely recovered from the pleasant contemplation of this day when we embarked upon one the following Tuesday, Washington's Birthday, which equalled even that day in the hunts it afforded.

It had been raining, and because of the soft condition of the ground, the meet was changed from Devereux Milburn's to Robert Winthrop's Farm Barns where parking does not have to be done on the grass. On drawing up the hill towards Milburn's, hounds immediately got a hare up and catapulted onto the line as scent was apparently burning hot. From then (2:30 P. M.) until dark at 6:00 P. M. they ran almost continuously with long stretches at top speed, and, although there were no outstanding or untoward incidents, a better day's hunting has seldom been recorded at Buckram.

From the top of the hill, hounds poured down over ideal running country — the beautifully-kept pastures of Milburn, von Stade, and Ambrose Clark — going all-out for fifteen minutes in a big loop to the first check at Clark's brick stable. Here hounds encountered the longest check of the day and a grateful field had a chance to catch up.

Sicilian Emigrants

Two narrow-minded donkeys there occupied a field bound by a high wall on one side with a small gate in it. Hounds had carried the line in screaming fashion the full length of the wall and checked on the driveway beyond, hotly pursued by the two Sicilian emigrants who bit, kicked, and herded them along, behaving like juvenile delinquents. Added to the fact that hounds were excited from the first burst, they badly over-ran the turn-

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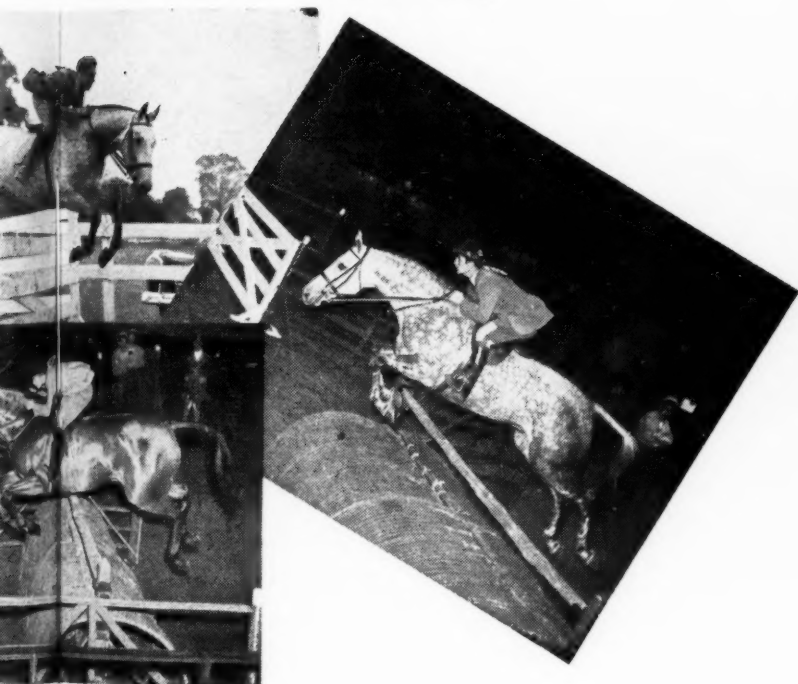
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Chatham Hall Beagles

Something new has been added to the extra curricular activities of Chatham Hall in Chatham, Virginia: Beagling! This sport, initiated at the opening of the fall term, gives the students an opportunity to hunt in an area where no organized foxhunting is conducted. Beagles were chosen in preference to foxhounds because they are easier for the girls to handle and less territory is required for hunting.

Chatham Hall acquired the hounds from the beagle pack of Mary Washington College. Mr. Russell Walther with members of his college hunt staff brought six entered Beagles to Chatham Hall and spent some time teaching the members of the Bit and Spur Riding Club how to handle the pack and organize the hunts. Then the Club was on its own. A familiar sight around the woods and fields of the school this fall has been the girls equipped with whips and hunt-

ham, N. Y. as well as at Foxhollow School in Lenox, Mass.

At the Foxhollow meet, the ground was ice-sheathed and the honors of the day went to "Woodie" a dachshund, owned by Hugh Mc B. Johnston of West Ghent, a whipper-in for the Old Chatham. "Woodie's" close-to-the-ground construction kept him nearer the scent than the beagles and he led the pack on several short but enthusiastic runs.

Late in February, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Quinn entertained at Strawberry Hill in Spencertown. Mr. Quinn, another whipper-in, along with the hunt staff led by Mrs. Elizabeth Gammack, Master, hunted over terrain covered by 10 inches of snow in mercury reading of five below zero! The day, needless to say was a blank, except for a delightful tea given by the Quinns for a frozen field of 20 stout beagles.

On February 20, a kill was scored at the residence of Thomas H. Morrissey in full view of the field. Again it was "Woodie", the dachshund (who is now an integral part of the pack) who picked up the line and ran the cottontail in view of the hounds. After a 15-minute run, with nine-year-old Wolver's Baker show-

generous during the season in permitting the beagles to hunt over their cov- erts, and has evidenced great interest in the beagle pack which is an affiliate of the Hunt Club.

Among those who have been consistently out with the beagles are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tilson and an enthusiastic new member, Miss Mary Ann Tinklepaugh. — Ajax

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The North Country Beagles

The second Annual Puppy Show of the North Country Beagles was held on the grounds of the Metamora Club on April 17th. This year the show assumed an international character with entries from the Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles, from Camp Borden, Ontario. These entries were made possible through the efforts of Captain John Gillanders, Joint Master of the R. C. S. I. Beagles, and Mrs. Gillanders, who personally transported their puppies to Metamora. Also present were entries from the Whitford Beagles, Gates Mills, Ohio, accompanied by Mr. William Downie, Huntsman, and puppies from the B. O. H. Beagles, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Arthur Kirby, Huntsman. Mr. Morgan S. Wing, Jr., Joint Master of the Sandanona Beagles, judged all of the classes.

The first class of the day, Children's Handling, produced some excellent performances. Outstanding was Miss Heidi Kuschell, showing B. O. H. Little Beaver. It appears that she will become a very good handler, given more experience. As in most such classes, there were several instances of too much puppy and too little child which provided much amusement for the spectators.

The Pack Division classes were especially interesting for the easily discernible difference between the English-bred hounds of the R. C. S. I. Beagles and the American-bred hounds of the North Country and the Whitford packs. Best puppy of the Pack Division was North Country Musket, Reserve, Whitford Gambler.

In the Open Division Class, two very fine entries were received from Mr. Everett Vennstrom, one of the foremost breeders of Beagles in Michigan. Of these two entries, Cuncrest Cheryl Ann was adjudged Best, Cuncrest Solo Shiek, Reserve.

The final class, Best in Show, was taken by North Country Musket with Cuncrest Cheryl Ann, Reserve.

Following the Puppy Show, a Horn Blowing Contest was held. The Children's class, which vastly amused the spectators, produced some very strange noises and even stranger facial expressions. From this contest of dissonance, Julian Backus emerged the winner. In contrast to the Children's Class, the Adult's Class produced several experts on the horn. Mr. William Downie of the Whitford Beagles ably won the class, his sister Lassie, being a close second.



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The hunt staff and beagle pack of Chatham Hall, Chatham, Virginia girls school.

ing horn pursuing the beagle pack. The Riding Club, still learning the art and science of hunting, is finding that the beagles are excellent teachers.

The one difficulty with the sport so far has been the scarcity of rabbits on the school property; however, this has not lessened the enthusiasm of the followers. A number of successful drag hunts have been laid with the field following on horseback. An ambition of the Bit and Spur Club is eventually to conduct drag hunts with both the staff and field mounted. They have begun the preliminary work of teaching the Beagles to follow a mounted horseman.

The original pack of three couples seems destined to increase. Already two new Beagles have been presented to the school and recently great excitement was caused by the birth of the school's first litter of beagle puppies!

Old Chatham Foot Beagles Feature Sunday Meets During Past Season

The Old Chatham Foot Beagles have conducted their winter hunting season through fair weather and foul. Sunday meets have been held at West Ghent, Kinderhook, Spencertown and Old Chat-

ing the way, the rabbit was rolled over. February 27, with snow on the ground and the temperature near 40, a field of 28 hunted over the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berry at Old Chatham. Several good runs were recorded late in the afternoon.

The best day of the season, however, was at the residence of John S. Williams in Old Chatham, where hounds put up a jack rabbit and ran it for 45 minutes until the line was lost near the edge of the Kinderhook Creek. The creek waters were high and it wasn't known if the jack tried to swim the stream or not. Five of the hounds, plunged into the creek, and had to be rescued by the hunt staff.

The pack now numbers four and a half couple of entered hounds. On March 8, however, Old Chatham's Bashful, after being bred to Treweryn's Benedict added five more youngsters, four bitches and a dog puppy. Another visit is expected from Sir Stork, as Old Chatham's Madcap was bred to Sandanona's Mowbray and a happy combination with Morgan Wing's fine strain is anticipated.

Hunting will continue until April 10, when the hunt staff will entertain at the Old Chatham Hunt's Clubhouse at Antinore Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon Cox. Mrs. Cox, joint-MFH of the Old Chatham Hunt, has been most

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The Treweryn Beagles

On February 27, 1955, the Treweryn Beagles met at Sugartown at 2:30 P. M., after a rain that had continued during the morning. Bryn Clovis Farm was the first draw and produced a hare almost immediately. Hounds ran with great drive to Billy Dixon's and back across Bryn Clovis Farm. During a brief check a fresh hare got up which had in some way lost an ear; this did not impair her running ability, but maybe cut down wind resistance because she later produced a great run. Continuing in the same southerly direction and with hounds closely packed they drove to Delchester Farms and turned west nearly to North Street Road, a mile away. They had been running into the wind but here the hare retraced her steps; going in the opposite direction, it was difficult for hounds to own the line. However, Vernon-Somerset Melissa '51 by V. S. Mailboy x V. S. - Mariane, was able to pick out the line into the meadow behind the Delchester barns. Here we were

hours. The bassets showed excellent sport and everyone enjoyed their cry. Their annual visit is great fun for all. Not being familiar with the hounds in Jimmy Jones' pack, it's hard to be specific about the details but it's enough to say that everyone enjoyed a hunt behind these great little hounds.

After lunch at the Radnor Hunt Club the Treweryn Beagles met at Upton Sullivan's gate at 3:00 P. M. After drawing Mr. Sullivan's farm, hounds found on the ridge north of the meet. This hare was apparently a stranger in the territory because she ran east across Route 352 through a new building development into Mr. Vetterlein's farm. This was a straight away point of perhaps a mile and a half. Then a long check followed in the woodland in the northern part of his farm, but hounds were able to work out the line again and ran in a southerly direction across Route 202 to the clock tower, another point of a mile or more. This meant crossing low meadow land and wheat and it was pleasing to see Bugler '51 by Treweryn Galloper x Lewisboro Barbara and Magnet '54 able to pick out the line of the hare on a bare wind-blown wheat field. At the clock tower our quarry turned north again back to Route 202, but was unable to

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ing point at the gate, but the line was eventually recovered behind the stables and a good run ensued through the woods to Winthrop's race track, through more woods to the north end of Winthrop's property near the site of the old house, back into the woods, and around to the edge of it again where the disappointment of a loss after an hour and a half was the only factor to mar a perfect day.

Hounds Find

Going down the north side of the hill and into the corn field below Forman's, hounds abruptly found again, and were off at the strongest pace yet. When those of us in the middle rank of runners had reached the rise beyond the corn field, hounds were but tiny specks a half mile away and a member of the field was still viewing away what he supposed to be the hunted hare at the east end of the corn field!

The hare made a right-handed circle up over Goodyear's hill and by running across the middle of the loop, we were able to keep hounds within ear-shot if not sight. After an ominous silence on the top of the hill, a great waterfall of cry indicated that hounds had found on the floor of the pine woods and were tumbling down the southeast side of the hill. Disappointed in our hopes for a view from the high rye field, we nicked in behind hounds as they came driving across the east end of it. A short check on the sand hills nearby enabled a handful of survivors to get on terms with hounds again. Soon they were away for a steady run, tunneling through the overgrown fields and over the rise into Clark's field. It has been years now since we have been lucky enough to drive a hare over to that field and those who have ever attended the Meadow Brook races in the past will remember what beautiful running it affords. The hare now led us right over the open in a big swing to the right, plunged back into the woods, ran to the Winthrop race track and squatted in the infield there. A departing survivor, Elizabeth Roosevelt, accidentally kicked her up and we had another burst into the woods before the sun set, the rain began to fall steadily, and it became too dark to keep track of hounds.

Trudging Home

Among those who trudged wearily home in the dusk with Huntsman Conolly, his wife Barbara and sister Ann, and Whips Jack Oelsner and Henry Thompson, were new enthusiasts John Quinlan and his son Mike, Anne Winn, a visitor from England who has been coming out regularly from New York, Charlie and Tony Corcoran, Frank Beatty, and young Dorr Watkins, who nicked in to the last run from his home behind Goodyear's.

Comments were made about how well the puppies Linesman, Molly, Dimity, Dinah, Dimple, and Diligent had run; how sensational Woldingfield Thistle had been at some checks; Darter on the roads; Trew, Merrymaker, Bethel Lake Vagabond, and Moonlight in the over-all running. But the gladdest comment of all followed the discovery that Woody and Lady Glenn, who had had to leave earlier, had left their bottle of port on top of the hound van. After hounds were safely vanned up and people had donned extra coats and hoods against the chill, a toast was drunk to the stout legs and the great hearts of the "Merrie Little Beagles".



The Treweryn Beagles breaking up a hare on Mar. 20, 1955 on the Bryn Clovis Farm, Sugartown, Pa. At the left without cap is the Master, David Sharp; with the hounds is the Honorary Huntsman James G. Lamb, Jr.

glad to have Mr. & Mrs. William Ashton and their youngest, on a shaggy pony, join us. He is the master of the Eagle Hunt and the owner of Delchester Farms. Then Bashful '50, Treweryn Bender x Siren, found the line a long the edge of a wheat strip. This proved difficult also and it was pleasing to see our youngest dog hound, Magnet '54 by Treweryn Bender x Musical, hold the line the length of the strip. The hare got up again and continued south across the Philadelphia-West Chester Pike into the Rose Tree Country for another mile. As the sun went down, scent failed completely and we called it a good day at the end of an hour and fifty minutes. The part of the Rose Tree Country into which we ran was the hilliest in that country and took its toll of men and hounds. The distance as the crow flies was a point of 3½ miles and approximately 4¼ miles as hounds ran. This was a good day in anyone's book for the merry 13" Beagles. This was the day of the annual joint meet with the Tewkesbury Bassets. They met at Mr. Samuel Eckert's at 11:00 A. M. A large field turned out to see the visitors from Far Hills, New Jersey. Mr. Eckert's abounds in game and the bassets found almost immediately. It seems a habit of the hare in this part if the country to make circles and relay each other which is just what happened this day, for two

cross because of the traffic. Then she turned across Line Road and was killed in the open crossing the Rush Hospital Farm, after two hours and ten minutes and a point of nearly three miles. It has been very gratifying to see the development of this year's entry which are mostly by Bugler '51 from four bitches received from the Vernon-Somerset Pack. They have great drive and Bugler seems to be transmitting his good voice. The mask was presented to Miss Peggy Whimple, one of the Tewkesbury Whippers-in who was among the first flight all afternoon. Perhaps thirty people were at the kill, one of whom carried a pedometer showing that as hounds ran it was a distance of eight miles.

On March 20th, a hare was found on the Ranny Farm. It ran north to Sugartown, a distance of about ½ a mile and then turned south, running with great drive to Pratt's Woods, a distance of about a mile or better. There, after a check, due to the fact that the hare had squatted on the road bank, she again turned north and was killed almost at the spot where she had been found one hour and twenty-minutes before. This was the next to last meet of the season and proved to be a good one. Twelve and one-half couples were in the pack and the field numbered well over one-hundred on this day. — J. G. L., Jr.

Gladstone Beagle Club Pack Trials

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The Gladstone Beagle Club Pack Trials, traditionally considered a warm up event for the Nationals a few days later, came into their own this year when eight of the nation's outstanding beagle packs competed over the New Jersey running grounds on November 7 and 8.

The Gladstone Trials, inaugurated in 1934, have had Fred Huyler as their guiding light for 21 years. Mr. Huyler, who is chairman of the field trial committee, again proved to the visiting beaglers that nothing had been omitted for their convenience and comfort. He provided everything from an excellent repast served by the ladies of the Gladstone church to fine running rabbits.

The locale of the trials is the Brady Camp operated by the Boys' Club of Newark during the summer months. The terrain is rolling hills interlaced with pine and alder, while the hillsides are open and well suited for beagling.

The packs began arriving Sunday evening, November 6, and several of the Masters and staffs were entertained by the genial and hospitable John K. Cowperthwaite, a first vice president of the Gladstone Club and official host for the trials. Conversation ran the gamut from A (alcoholic refreshments) to B (beagles) and back to A again until the hour was quite late and the guests departed.

At dawn, the Buckram arrived from Long Island, with Joe and Barbara Connelly looking extremely healthy and wide awake despite their lengthy drive. On hand were Sandanona plus the Prince of Pandemonium Morgan Wing, Jr. and his Princess Anne; the Old Chatham Hunt Club Foot Beagles with their joint masters Mrs. Henry "Heppy" Gammack and Albert S. Callan, Jr.; the Waldingfield with Leslie Brown back at his old post hunting Josiah Child's pack. It was indeed a happy sight for all to see Waldingfield in competition again and although Leslie Brown had only hunted the famous open marked hounds four

times this season, he did exceptionally well as later results will show. David 'Bun' Sharp, Jr. with Treweryn and 'Becky' Sharp with her handsome young pack of Nantucket beagles along with Mrs. J. Austin du Pont's Liseter entry were all present at the field trials grounds to start the day's events on November 7.

John Cowperthwaite had thoughtfully sent a local nimrod out into the woods to discharge firearms in an effort to drive out deer which had been seen browsing in the area — but Gladstone deer are evidently not gun shy!

Eight packs declared in for the 13-inch two couple competition. Buckram's No. 1 pack got things away and winging with an early morning "screamer". A hard running rabbit kept hounds on the line for a full 20 minutes and at the end Joe and Barbara Connelly looked extremely pleased. The remaining packs knew then that their work was cut out for them. Morgan and Ann Wing with their Sandanona entry were second down and were going well until a rabbit decided to seek sanctuary in a small rubbish dump which evidently cast out a myriad of odors, causing hounds to check for some time before they put out their quarry from under an old mattress.

Old Chatham went down in mid-morning and immediately got on the line of a side hill rabbit that had been tally hoed by Fred Huyler. There followed one of the best runs of the day through a swamp and along a hill with only one brief check to the entire proceedings. After a good 20 minute run, Old Chatham was picked up still giving tongue and running strong.

These were among the best runs of the morning to conclude the 13 inch two couple class. The weather was quite cold and cloudy by noon when Mr. Cowperthwaite produced some excellent stimulants from the grape to warm his guests. After lunch, the Gladstone Artillery Bri-

gade was dispatched into the wooded glades to fire several salvos over the heads of foraging deer — but Gladstone deer don't mind artillery!

In any event, 10 packs were ready for the 15-inch two couple class as rain began to pour from the heavens. 'Bun' Sharp donned his duck hunting outfit and went out with his Treweryn hare hounds which turned in a masterful run that eventually netted him the blue ribbon. Leslie Brown with four Waldingfield young entry took some time to find a quarry in the rain but, once they did, they ran like old veterans and the proverbial blanket could have covered them at all points along the way.

'Becky' Sharp's Nantucket youngsters turned in a creditable performance as did Old Chatham, although the latter pack spoiled a good hunt by getting off on deer. Fortunately the big doe they were running on a sight chase turned left-handed abruptly and hounds were whipped off immediately.

Other packs were not so fortunate and several got off on the deer which seemed to appear every fifteen minutes. For a moment it seemed that Morgan Wing had lost all of his hounds but the old Master got into the faraway hills and retrieved his pack.

Monday evening, John Cowperthwaite and his charming daughter, Victoria, gave a party at his home that will long be remembered for its conviviality. There were very brief remarks by the visiting Masters after a splendid repast, followed by great good cheer until well past the witching hour.

We were all extremely sorry that Mrs. Cowperthwaite was hospitalized at the moment, but her daughter proved to be a most delightful hostess.

Tuesday ten packs entered the 13-inch 15-inch combined four couple class. The sounds of his singing hounds must have echoed clear back to 50 Beacon Street and Jo Child, for again Leslie Brown handled his eight beagles superbly and they came home to the Brady Camp all looking exceedingly happy. And well they should for they had taken their first blue ribbon and Waldingfield was back

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(Renolds Photos)



ON EXHIBITION—The Sir-Sister Beagles met at Mr. Frederic Winthrop's Groton House Farm in Hamilton, Mass. prior to the annual Myopia Race Meet, (l. to r.)—Mrs. Jane Dane, M. B. (White Skirt) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman (green skirt), John Cifford, Kennelman (khaki trousers), Henri Prunaret, M. B. (white trousers) and Mrs. Henri Prunaret.

Joint-Master Mrs. Jane Dane with the Sir-Sister Beagles at the Myopia-Legion Horse Show, where they put on a special run.

Did The Flowers Save The Hare?

Stanislaus Lynch

The Corduff Beagles Opening Meet was held at the home of the Master, Mr. Henry Maxwell, Corduff, Lusk, County Dublin, Ireland, on October 16.

A hare found in some low-lying fields in front of the house ran back through the big crowd of foot followers. Hounds viewed her, but when they lost sight of her in the crowd (which was well-behaved and stood perfectly still) they could not get her scent. Immediately, folk said it was a bad scenting day.

Perhaps it was. A strong October sun and a bitter north wind were hardly likely to make it otherwise. But the more plausible explanation would be that hounds could not find the scent since the atmosphere must have reeked of cigarette smoke, perfumes, brilliantines and all the other falderalls of nearly a hundred energetic beaglers.

When the hounds got clear of the crowd, they got the scent and hunted well, in spite of allegedly bad weather conditions. Then the hare ran almost half-a-mile on a tarmacadamed road. Hounds couldn't own a yard of the line, and the weather was again blamed. Even a recently deceased hound, Johnny, had his absence deeply regretted. He had been killed in a night fight in the kennels. He was the founder of the pack and was undoubtedly a brilliant road-hunter . . . a quality that is priceless in any pack.

But as I followed those hard-working hounds up that traffic-polished road, I decided that even Johnny's super-sensitive nose would have been of little avail, as the road had recently been used by a nearby farmer who had carted farmyard manure from his farmyard and had built it in a huge oblong-shaped heap at the gate of a tillage field a quarter-of-a-mile up the road.

When hounds got clear of this, they fresh-found their hare and were soon waking the quiet countryside with their rousing full-cry. After about ten minutes, they were at fault, and when with much puffing and blowing, we reached them, we found them in a field of gladioli.

We were on the perimeter of a district noted for tulip bulbs, hyacinth bulbs, and intensive market gardening — a part of Ireland which in Spring and Summer might almost be mistaken for the famous bulb fields of Holland, as it is a riotous blaze of breath-taking colour.

Again, the weather was blamed. Everyone said there wasn't a particle of scent. They forgot, quite evidently, that the game little hounds had hunted extremely well in many bits of open country where scenting conditions might be assumed to be normal.

In the first instance the crowd had defeated their efforts, and in the second they had been interfered with by the farmyard manure, and now it was definitely the weather (according to everyone).

It was much more likely to be the lovely perfume of the field of gladioli. They searched until they were tired in the pasture fields beyond, but not a hound spoke, and it was most unlikely that the hare had squatted, since the fields were traversed by the straggling followers. Had she been squatting, some of them would almost certainly have put her up.

Gilbert and Sullivan may have sung that:—

"The flowers that bloom in the spring,
tra-la
Have nothing to do with the case",
but it looks as if that County Dublin hare owes a word of thanks to the flowers that bloom in October. — S. L.

Gladstone Trials

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in the driver's seat again. The sky had cleared and scenting conditions were perfect as pack after pack went down throughout the forenoon. Again, despite the firing of rockets and bombs, the deer made an appearance and everyone was convinced there is no such thing as a "deer-proof pack." Before the sun had set, the four couple class had been completed and Buckram took down its fifth ribbon in the trials by edging Treweryn in the combined eight couple event.

All of the packs were loud in their praise of the judging which was done by Jack Eyre, a former whip for the Buckram Beagles who has now joined a group that has as its leader a Mr. Jones and follows a low-slung, baying animal which this cult calls a basset. The other judge was Wilfred Atkinson who was the professional huntsman for the Vernon Somerset Beagles for 29 years. At the death of Richard Gambrell, Master of Vernon Somerset, he left the employ of the family and now works for Mrs. Geraldine Dodge of Morris and Essex fame.

Nothing more can be said of Gladstone. It was perfect in every detail especially

what Mr. Cowperthwaite terms its 'informality'. Next year, we expect to see even more beagle packs at this fine event — and there certainly will be less deer — they've been hit by the plague'.

SUMMARIES

13", 2 couple, 8 packs—1. Buckram I; 2. Old Chatham; 3. Buckham II; 4. Sandanona I; res. Treweryn.

15", 2 couple, 10 packs—1. Treweryn; 2. Waldingfield; 3. Nantucket I; 4. Old Chatham; res. Buckham II.

13" — 15" combined, 4 couple—1. Waldingfield; 2. Buckram; 3. Treweryn II; 4. Liseter II; res. Sandanona II.

13" — 15" combined, 8 couple—1. Buckram; 2. Treweryn.

The Elizabethan Beagler

(From "A Twelfth Night Merriment", 1602-3, MS in the Bodleian Library, Oxford)

Hark! They cry! I hear by that
The dogs have put the hare from squat:
Then woe be unto little Wat!
Yolp, yolp, yolp, yolp.
Hollo in the hind dogs, hollo!
So come on then — sol! sol!
And let us so blithely follow.
Yolp, yolp, yolp, yolp.
Oh, the dogs are out of sight,
But the cry is my delight:
Hark how Jumball hits it right!
Yolp, yolp, yolp, yolp.
Over briers, over bushes!
Who's afraid of pricks and pushes
He's no hunter worth two rushes.
Yolp, yolp, yolp, yolp.
But how long thus shall we wander?
Oh, the hare's a lusty stander!
Follow apace! The dogs are yonder!
Yolp, yolp, yolp, yolp.

— Anon

North Country Beagles

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SUMMARIES

Children's handling class—1. Heidi Kuschell; 2. George Higbie; 3. Sarah Tripp; 4. Res. Mary Lou Salzman.

Pack Division

Bitches—1. Whitford Gambler; 2. North Country Bunting; 3. R. C. S. I. Rhapsody; Res. North Country Baffle.

Dogs—1. North Country Moses; 2. North Country Musket; 3. R. C. S. I. Druid; Res. North Country Barker.

Best Puppy

Best: North Country Musket;

Res. Whitford Gambler.

Open Division

Best Puppy

Best: Cuncrest Cheryl Ann;

Res. Cuncrest Solo Shiek.

Best in Show

Best: North Country Musket;

Res. Cuncrest Cheryl Ann.



(Freudy Photos)

(Left)—The Timber Ridge Bassets—best Basset Pack. (Right)—Best Beagle Pack at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, the Treweryn Beagles.

Letters To The Editor

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on my hounds because my hounds are all tri-colored black, white and tan. The black dye shows up very well on the light buff color which comes on a black, white and tan hounds hips, especially if you trim around the edge of the number after stenciling it on, working the hair dye in well with a tooth brush so that the hair is dyed deep down to the roots.

I do not think this would work on your black and tan hounds as they have too much black, for a black dye to show up. At one time I had some Walker hounds that came black and tan. I could not tell them apart so it was very hard for me even to get the differences in their voices. This time I used peroxide and bleached a stripe across one of the hounds back. It took a lot of applications of the peroxide even to get the hair light enough to make it distinguishable. However, I finally worked at it until I could tell the hounds apart when I saw them and as soon as I could distinguish their voices I let the hair grow out and didn't try to mark them anymore.

Yours truly,
W. H. Stovall

Stovall, Miss.

"On Foreign Soil"

Dear Sir:

We've made history in Germany this year in our small way. Due to the excellent facilities at Rettershof and the graciousness of the Baron and Baroness von Richter many excellent American riders have been developed there. So many, in fact, that for the first time in history a purely American Hunt has been established on foreign soil. Twice a week, again as MFH, I take out an American group: on Saturdays the American children, and on Sundays the adults — many of them the parents of the children that go out. I am Master for the Americans but usually act in that capacity for the German division of the Hunt also. The economy has improved here to such an extent that now quite a large number of packs are kept. Not every Hunt has its own pack but there are many "share-pack" hunts now so that a goodly number of the outings are with hounds. One's first sight of one of these German packs is usually a little breath-taking. For instance, this season's first outing with the pack left me rather giddy. A double horse van drew up to the meeting ground and when the tail gate was dropped, out roared the most cosmopolitan little pack imaginable. It was impossible to count the unruly mass but I'd hazard a guess of approximately 20 couples. There was 1½ couples of Airdales — no less — 1 couple of beagles, a couple of English terriers, a couple of Welch terriers, perhaps 12 couples of really nice English

foxhounds, and the rest? Only God and their mothers and fathers know what they were. I raised an eyebrow at this motley crew, but they gave us a splendid run that day — and many times since. To be sure, the hue and cry was liberally interspersed with yips and barks, but it was great sport anyway. They stuck nicely to the scent with the exception of one hoary old English foxhound stud dog. He seemed to delight in suddenly backtracking and would go gleefully off backing the scent as rapidly as he had gone forward on it a moment before. After his tactics had unhorsed three riders we detailed one whipper-in to be nurse maid to this rebel and the rest of the Hunt progressed much more smoothly.

Sincerely,
Beverly B. Young

"Condemned Unanimously"

Dear Sir:

It might interest Chronicle readers to know that I have just come back from a crowded meeting in Orange, Va., convened by the County Board of Supervisors to consider the rabies control program of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The suggestion of the medic's that foxes be trapped and a bounty paid was condemned unanimously. In a Madison County meeting there was one supporter for the program and 36 against. Greene, Rappahannock, and Culpeper Counties also threw it out.

Sincerely,
Andrew Montgomery

Equitation Classes

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to read such competent, constructive accounts of the equitation classes at the National Horse Show as those written by D. H. and P. W. Munroe for The Chronicle this year and last. Such informed criticism is most interesting to read and will surely be helpful to our young riders.

Yours truly,
Angela Cooke (Mrs. John)

Rehoboth, Mass.

Wants Sketches

Dear Sir:

Your paper is mighty fine, through the years. And that's in it is good, except the

polo section does not compare with the old "Polo Magazine" later called "Horse and Horseman." Don't the present day players ever have a horse worth writing about?

An interesting addition might be sketches about well known figures in racing, hunting, showing, breeding, etc. Something like the profiles appearing in The New Yorker is what I have in mind. For example a story on the members of the U.S.E.T. who rode in the latest National Show would be interesting.

Sincerely,
A Reader

Another Episode

Dear Sir:

Mr. Felix Sullivan's letter written to The Chronicle in regard to the early days of The Orange County Hunt, brings to mind another story along the same line. After the episode of the milk being delivered to the front door of the Club House by my uncle, Jacqueline-Ambled Marshall, there was another story told as follows:

If the man who delivers the milk is a great grandson of Chief Justice Marshall, for heavens sake who is the butcher. The reply was, he is a decendent of King Carter, which was true.

Charles G. Turner, M.F.H.
Orange County Hunt

P.S. I remember my relatives speaking of Mr. Sullivan's visits to this community with much pleasure.
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Culver Military

Thanksgiving weekend is a busy one at Culver, for the parents come to the Academy instead of the cadets going on leave. The Department of Horsemanship was especially busy. In addition to the colorful musical drill ride by the Lancers, the honor organization of the Black Horse Troop, during the Military Exhibition on Friday, the annual Thanksgiving Horse Show and Polo Game was held Saturday afternoon.

Riders from the Kentree School of Horsemanship near Grand Rapids, Michigan, came down to compete against the Culver cadets and proved to be strong competitors. Miss Sandy Goodwin won top horsemanship honors by winning both the ASPCA Horsemanship Over Fences and the Advanced Horsemanship classes. Cadet John M. Mack won the FEI Jumping on Merry Legs, and Cadets Ricardo C. Sarabasa and Robert W. Rich both picked up three ribbons apiece during the afternoon.

CORRESPONDENT
John H. Fritz

PLACE: Culver, Indiana
TIME: November 26
JUDGE: Dr. David J. Loewith

SUMMARIES

Novice horsemanship—1. Oscar N. Peralta; 2. Henry L. Reitz; 3. Joyce Blackmore; 4. Jane Chandler.

ASPCA horsemanship over fences—1. Sandy Goodwin; 2. Raphael C. Miranda; 3. Ricardo C. Sarabasa; 4. Gyntha Haga.

FEI jumping—1. Merry Legs, John M. Mack; 2. Dutch, Raphael C. Miranda; 3. The Clown, James B. Medland; 4. Dynamite, Robert W. Rich.

Advanced horsemanship—1. Sandy Goodwin; 2. Robert W. Rich; 3. Susan Clark; 4. Ricardo C. Sarabasa.

Novice horsemanship over fences—1. Neil E. Augenstein; 2. Oscar N. Peralta; 3. Henry L. Reitz; 4. Robert L. Wilson.

Junior working hunters—1. Merry Legs; 2. Robin Goodfellow, Susan Clark; 3. The Clock, Ricardo C. Sarabasa; 4. Dynamite.

Fredericksburg

The Hoof Prints Riding Club of Mary Washington College sponsored this show and drew a balmy "Indian Summer" day for the event. The schedule of 11 classes was well filled; in fact, so much so that darkness necessitated the modified Olympic to be cancelled.

Miss Bobbie Gardner was on hand to take the blue in both the equitation and working hunter class with her nice going Sudan. She also copied reserve honors for hunter champion, being one point behind Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stevens' Pink Mink.

The jumper championship saw another close margin with Mr. M. A. Cirillo's owner-ridden Good News topping Pegasus Stables' The Sheik by ½ point, ridden by Bruce Fales.

A word of praise goes to the "Cavalry" of the college, who ably attended to all details, even to serving in the capacity of "jump boys".

CORRESPONDENT
Ellen Huffman

PLACE: Fredericksburg, Va.
TIME: Nov. 13
JUDGES: Major Robert Leach, Phyllis Nash

HUNTER CH: Pink Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stevens
RES: Sudan Bobbie Gardner
JUMPING CH: Good News, M. A. Cirillo
RES: The Sheik, Pegasus Stables

SUMMARIES

Equitation—1. Bobbie Gardner; 2. Jackie Bragg; 3. Libby Lindstrom; 4. Nancy Schultz.

Warm-up—1. Hard Times, Mr. Groschan; 2. Good News, Mr. Cirillo; 3. Sioux City, V. Johnson; 4. Gin Rickey, Wally Holly.

Jumper hunter hacks—1. Trafalgar, Oliver Durant; 2. Sudan, Bobbie Gardner; 3. Farnley Babbett, Fox Hollow Stables; 4. Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Andrews.

Open working hunters—1. Sudan; 2. Killarney, Shamrock Farm; 3. Spring Fever, Elaine Titus; 4. Grey Iron, Sandra Zick.

Pony hunters—1. Farnley Firefly, Lee and Smoky Nelms; 2. Farnley Babbett; 3. Sylvia's Comet, Fox Hollow Stables; 4. Minnie Mouse, Lee and Smoky Nelms.

Open jumpers—1. Good News; 2. The Sheik, Pegasus Stables; 3. Cloudburst, Gary Gardner; 4. Hard Times.

Junior working hunters—1. Sylvia's Comet; 2. Cheesecake, Laura Lee Shreve; 3. Shamrock; 4. Killarney.

Knock-down and out—1. Silver Moon, New Hope Farm; 2. The Sheik; 3. Hard Times; 4. Donniebrook, Shamrock Farm.

Green hunters—1. Jaalloma, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Andrews; 2. Clifton's Lad, Oak Hill Stables; 3. Beyond, Hardey; 4. Grey Iron.

Conformation hunters—1. Pink Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stevens; 2. Clifton's Lad; 3. Major Pete, Edward Watson; 4. Beyond.

Open hunter hack—1. Pink Mink; 2. Sudan; 3. Jaalloma; 4. Beyond.

Baltimore-Harford

This year the trials were left entirely to the juniors to run. The committee wishes to thank all those brave souls who arrived in the snow and the cold and helped to make the trials a big success.

Atom Power, Syd Gadd's big grey, put in his usual good performance, won the coveted Master's Class and was proclaimed champion.

After galloping about the Elkridge terrain in a borrowed Jeep to the outside course, Judge Danny Shea wanted to know if it would jump too, for he wanted to go hunting.

CORRESPONDENT
Susan E. Archer

PLACE: Monkton, Maryland
TIME: Nov. 20
JUDGES: Trudy Giessler, Dorothy Hall, Jack Piersol, Danny Shea

HUNTER CH: Atom Power, Sydney Gadd
RES: Fancy Pants, Missy Warfield

SUMMARIES

Green hunter—1. Mickey, Ann Zouck; 2. Atom Power, Syd Gadd; 3. Raffle, Jay and Benji Griswold; 4. New Bull, Jay and Benji Griswold.

Qualified hunter—1. Juniper, Taffy Griswold; 2. Gypsy Moon, Smithwick Stables; 3. Fieka, Marilyn Reid; 4. Independently Yours, Sally Reid.

Pairs of hunters—1. Saturday Surprise, Nancy Ringgold, Atom Power; 2. Beechnut, Lucy Howard, White Pony, Smithwick Stables; 3. Craven's Raven, Johnny Shaw, Belle Steel, Redmond Stewart; 4. Elsa, Smithwick Stables, Gypsy Moon.

12 years and under—1. Fancy Pants, Missy Warfield; 2. Jack Skinner, Smithwick Stables; 3. Beechnut; 4. Belle Steel, Smithwick Stables; 4. Fancy Pants.

Master's class—1. Atom Power; 2. Belle Steel; 3. Mickey; 4. Fancy Pants.

Ring and Trail

PLACE: Livingston, New Jersey

TIME: Nov. 20

JUDGES: Eric W. L. Atterbury, C. R. Catalano

SUMMARIES

Carol Hoefele trophy, horsemanship—1. Anne B. Lind; 2. Carlyle Lind; 3. Carroll Tiernan; 4. Jon Lommerin; 5. Doty Stokes; 6. Suzy Braddock.

Jumpers—1. Golden Discovery, Nils Lommerin; 2. Mr. Marshall, Nils Lommerin; 3. Snoo, Edith Muhling; 4. Country Squire, J. Callahan.

Hunter hack—1. Memory Boy, Jon Lommerin; 2. Ike, Armory Riding School; 3. The Farmer's Daughter, Penny Haskell; 4. Christmas Holly, Carroll Tiernan.

Horsemanship, 15-18 years—1. Carlyle Lind; 2. Anne B. Lind; 3. Robert Kavanaugh; 4. June Abbink.

Bareback horsemanship—1. Ann Brewster; 2. Carroll Tiernan; 3. Lucy Bartel; 4. Judy Harrison; 5. John Miksch.

Horsemanship, 7 yrs inclusive—1. Candy Miksch; 2. Al Salmon.

Knock-down and out—1. Mike McCormick; 2. Nils Lommerin; 3. D. Glaccum; 4. T. Clohosey.

Henry Bergh trophy for juniors—1. Karen Woelfe; 2. R. Hauser; 3. P. Andre; 4. Thom Brede.

Working hunters—1. Mr. Marshall; 2. Lookout, Mrs. R. Piken; 3. Golden Discovery.

Junior Essex Troop horsemanship—1. R. Hauser; 2. D. Glaccum; 3. B. Zazzali; 4. T. Glaccum.

Horsemanship, 8-10 yrs—1. John Miksch; 2. Jackie Fialk; 3. Edward Klein; 4. Marianne Rohrer; 5. Nancy Salmon; 6. Jane Intile.

Open jumping—1. Ike; 2. Duces Wild, H. Jervey; 3. Golden Discovery; 4. Hot Shot, P. Haigh.

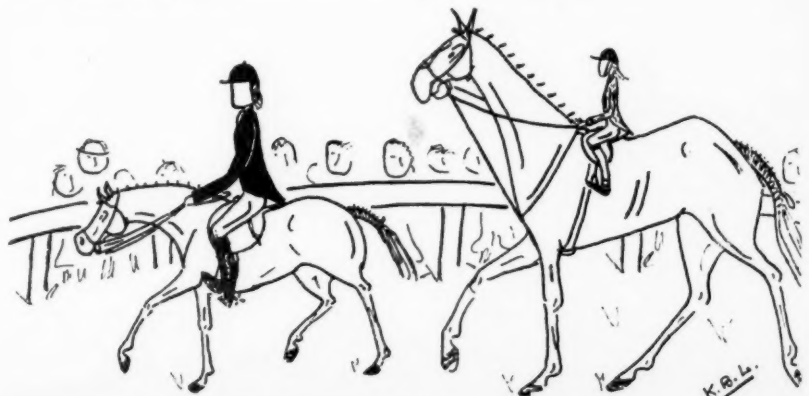
Horsemanship, 11-14 yrs—1. Carol Tiernan; 2. Denise Hauser; 3. Dody Stokes; 4. Edith Muhling; 5. Alison Kern; 6. Lucy Bartel.

Horsemanship, beginners—1. Candy Miksch; 2. Jackie Fialk; 3. Jane Intile; 4. Peter D. Lawrie.

Adult horsemanship, 19 yrs and up—1. Mrs. R. Piken; 2. Mary Jane Scott; 3. Mrs. E. C. Klein, Jr.; 4. Carol Hoefele.

Armory Riding School challenge trophy—1. Carol Hoefele; 2. Karen Woelfe; 3. Ann Brewster; 4. Dody Stokes; 5. Virginia Toomey.

Pairs—1. Entry, Mrs. R. Piken, Jon Lommerin; 2. Entry, R. Piken, Nils Lommerin; 3. Entry, John J. Miksch, Candy Miksch; 4. Entry, Lynn DeHart, Denise Hauser.



IT NEVER FAILS — CHILDREN'S HORSEMANSHIP —

BOOKS



THE PRACTICAL HORSE KEEPER, by George H. Conn, B.S.H.A., D.V.M. Illustrated. 386 pp. Published by Orange Judd Co., New York. Price \$4.00.

What Dr. George H. Conn has to say here has been said before and said better. There is nothing new in this rather tiresome (do it yourself) book, all of the old familiar hints to horsemen, young and old, professional and hobby, good and not so good are here, making the reader feel sure that he must have read the book before. There are the usual illustrations both photographs and drawings in black and white of Arabs and work horses, bridles, saddles, stables, bones and teeth, also there are many pictures of the seats of the more common ailments which to the uninitiated would mean nothing at all. This last is a common error in this type of book. Why hasn't some author made it possible for these illustrations to be easily read by outlining the ailment itself in red or some other color, or at least seeing to it that the horses legs or what have you, which are to be photographed are clipped around the seat of ailment.

The book may have something to recommend it to the owner of the heavier breeds of horses. There is a chapter or two on Arabs, but apart from these the book has little or nothing new to say.

— Touchstone

BUFFALO BILL AND THE WILD WEST, by Henry Blackman Sell and Victor Weybright. Oxford University Press, New York, (\$6.95).

The best thing about this book—and it is a very good thing—is the way it is illustrated. There are innumerable sketches, drawings, photographs, and not only of Buffalo Bill himself, but of the many people and places associated with the man who became a legend during his lifetime.

Otherwise, the book glorifies and perpetuates the legend. Myth and fact are so intertwined that we can't tell which is which, and the authors don't go far in helping us to tell. They are quite frank about their hero's shortcomings—his over-weening vanity, his naive foolishness about money, his fondness for the bottle, and his widely roving and easily stopped eye; but even so, we see him always as a hero. We get no convincing picture of the human being that must have been lurking somewhere—William F. Cody is almost always obscured by the more-than-life-size figure of Buffalo Bill, mighty scout and hunter, and even mightier showman.

As a result, we are never entirely

sure why it all happened, and in particular, why it all happened to Cody, instead of to some other colorful figure of a colorful time and place. There have been—the authors tell us—800 previous books about their hero; yet they give us little more than the old stories and the familiar myths. There is little in the way of the explanation and interpretation which would have been more interesting—to these reviewers, at least—than pages devoted to accounts of how many people saw the show in such-and-such a place, or to lists of famous people, titled and otherwise, who showed admiration for a white buck-skinned legend who greeted them all with democratic benignity. — D. H. & P. W. M.

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THE ESSENTIALS OF HORSEMANSHIP, by Brigadier General J. F. Lamont, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O. Constable, London. 12s. 6d.

The author of this book was a young officer in the Royal Horse Artillery in the late 1890's; he has a long and varied experience with horses, and is obviously a horseman of great ability.

We are sure that even the most experienced horsemen could learn much from him, and that of real value—if they could sit down and talk with him.

It is therefore too bad that he has not managed to organize his knowledge and his ideas so they come across clearly on paper. He seems uncertain whether he is advising young riders how to learn to ride better, or making suggestions that will help international horsemen; one feels that he is trying, sometimes to do both at once. Nor does he appear to have, in his own mind, a really defined picture of the kind of riding he is advocating.

The result is confusion. On one page, for example, he gives us two pictures which show what he calls "good utility seats." In one, a young woman is sitting superbly on her horse, except that she is somewhat "behind" him; in the other,

a man is using the most rough-and-ready sort of seat, with his feet stuck out in front of him. Toward which should the aspiring young rider work? He cannot work toward both, because they are contradictory.

It is the same with the author's remarks about jumping. We are urged to follow the example of the "Past Masters," and are referred to jumping photographs of Commandant Bizard of France, Lt. Colonel Llewellyn of England, and Major Roddick of England—the latter sitting back over an apparent point-to-point fence. To learn to ride, at one and the same time, like each of these three men, would call for a personality split in three different ways.

But perhaps the real difficulty with this book is that it might have been written in the 1920's—the period when most Englishmen still sat back at their fences, and even the most advanced were finding it hard to accept the most fundamental aspects of modern riding. The book does not reflect the developments in horsemanship, or the thinking about it, that have taken place in the last quarter century.

There is, for instance, the old talk about "swinging forward" out of the saddle as the horse takes off for the jump; about "getting back" into the saddle as the hindlegs clear the fence, then swinging forward again as the forelegs touch the ground. No thought is given, apparently, to what these three changes of the rider's balance, within a couple of seconds, will do to the horse's balance—though the author does mention the need for "perfect timing." He then says: "This may sound very difficult. It is of course the attainment of perfection which should be the air and ambition of all riders."

The average person—despite the author's knowledge and experience of horsemanship—will find this book confusing, and is more than likely to conclude that learning to ride is an extraordinarily difficult business.

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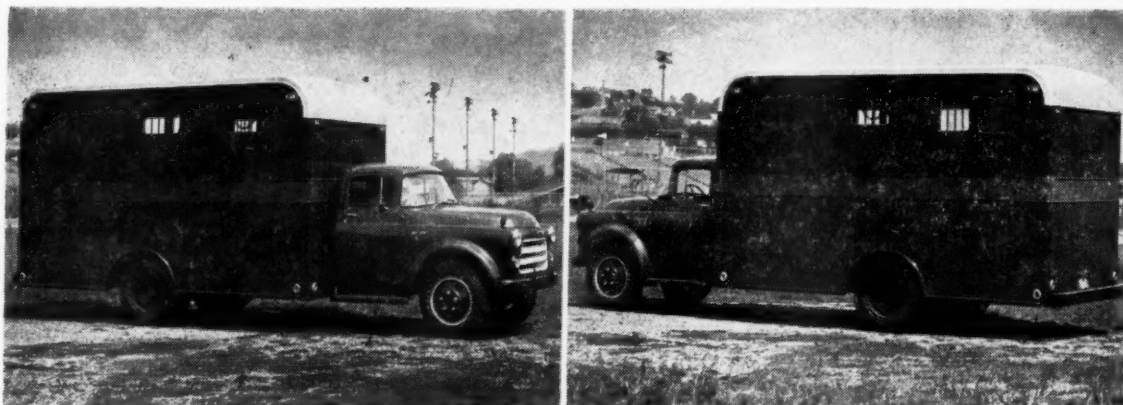
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Long Island Wallops Squadron A—New York Defeated by Manhattan

Bill Briordy

Holding their rivals scoreless in two chukkers, the Long Island Rough Riders halted a Squadron A side, 15 to 4, in the feature match of the indoor polo double-header at the Squadron A Armory on Saturday night, Dec. 3.

George Haas, Herb Pennell and Fred Zeller formed the Rough Riders. They registered four goals in each of the first, third and fourth stanzas and got three markers in the second. At half-time, the Rough Riders were in front by a 7-3 count.

Long Island sped to a 4-0 lead in the first chukker and was in command of the situation throughout. The seven-goal Herb Pennell, riding at No. 2 and George Haas paced the Rough Riders' attack.

Haas was high man of the game with eight goals, while Pennell stroked five. Bill Brady, riding with Johnny Clements and Walter Phillips, paced Squadron A's offensive with three goals.

In the opening match, Manhattan, led by Joe Rizzo, took the measure of New York, 9 to 7. Aided by a one-goal handicap, Manhattan showed the way by 6-5 at intermission.

Both teams failed to score in the second period, but Manhattan rebounded with three goals in the third. The winners were held scoreless in the fourth period as Manhattan rallied for two tallies.

Lineups

Long Island	Squadron A
1. G. Haas	J. Clements
2. H. Pennell	P. Brady
3. F. Zeller	W. Phillips
Long Island	4 3 4 4—15
Squadron A	0 3 0 1—4

Goals—Haas 8, Pennell 5, Zeller 2;

Brady 3, Phillips. Referee—John Rice.

Manhattan	New York
1. J. Flynn	A. Norden
2. D. Rizzo	A. Wagner
3. J. Rizzo	J. Rice
Manhattan	6 0 3 0—9
New York	5 0 0 2—2

Goals—D. Rizzo 2, J. Rizzo 5, by pony 1, by handicap 1; Norden 2, Wagner 2, Rice 2, by pony 1. Referee—Lyman T. Whitehead Jr.

University of Virginia Wins Over Culver 12-11

John H. Fritz

Culver Military Academy's polo team opened its 1955-56 season November 26 against a team from the University of Virginia in a game marked by hard and rough riding and spirited competition which had the crowd yelling most of the time.

Lack of team play and hitting ability characterized the first chukker for the Culver team which has only one first string player back from last year's team, and the better co-ordinated and more experienced Virginia team surged ahead 5-0. Culver began functioning better during the second period and put itself back in the game by scoring 5 goals to Virginia's 3.

The second half saw even more improvement in the Culver team, and led by the hard riding of Tom Folsom, they picked up 6 more goals to Virginia's 3 to even up the game. The better team play and hitting ability of the Virginia players gave them the final edge, however, as they made the first goal in the extra period and thus won the game.

Dick Riemenschneider, who accounted for 9 of Virginia's goals was undoubtedly the outstanding player of the afternoon with hitting ability and knowledge of the game which placed him in a class

by himself. Culver appears to have prospects for another good team this year once they get a little more experience and begin to operate more as a team than as individual players.

Lineups

Culver	Virginia
1. T. Folsom	L. Rocco
2. W. Ross	D. A. Gerst
3. J. Dunlap	R. Riemenschneider
Alt. E. Umana	

Referee: Joe S. Jambalvo

Scoring:

Virginia	5	3	2	1	1—12
Culver	0	5	3	3	0—11

Culver Scoring: Folsom 5; Ross 1; Umana 1; Dunlap 2; Pony 1; Penalty award 1. Virginia Scoring: Gerst 2; Rocco 1; Riemenschneider 9.

Culver Military Academy Outscores Arlington Farms 14-6

John H. Fritz

Culver Military Academy's polo team played its second game of the season, Saturday, December 3, defeating a team from Arlington Farms, Libertyville, Illinois, 14 to 6.

The first half saw both teams rather evenly divided, but during the second half Culver surged ahead to add 8 goals to its total while Arlington Farms picked up only one. Cadets Folsom, Weyand, and Dunlap were the opening line up with Ross substituting for Weyand in the third period and Silva in the fourth. Stewart Harvey, Jr., Fred Harvey, and Joe Jambalvo began for Arlington Farms, with Bill Harvey going in for Stewart in the second and third chukkers and Stewart Harvey, Sr. taking the number three spot in the fourth period. Cadet Dunlap was high scorer for Culver with Joe Jambalvo leading the Arlington Farms trio.

Culver

Culver	Arlington Farms
1. T. Folsom	S. Harvey, Jr.
2. R. Weyand	F. Harvey
3. L. Dunlap	J. Jambalvo
4. W. Ross	W. Harvey

Culver	3	3	5	3—11
Arlington Farms	3	2	0	1—6

Culver scoring—Folsom 4; Weyand 1; Dunlap 7; Ross 1; Pony 1. Arlington Farms scoring—Fred Harvey 2; Jambalvo 4.



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Culver Military Academy Polo Team, (l. to r.): Cad. John A. Ardussi, Cad. Eduardo Umana, Cad. William S. Wallace, Cad. Wallace A. Ross, Cad. James L. Dunlap (team captain and senior captain of the Culver Cadet Corps), Cad. Richard L. Weyland, Cad. Eugenio C. Silva, Cad. Charles C. Adams, team manager.



HORSE SHOWS

V. H. S. A. High Score Awards

At the annual Virginia Horse Show Ass'n dinner, held this year at Fredericksburg on Sunday, Dec. 4th., the V. H. S. A. High Score Award winners for 1955 were reported as follows:

Two-Year-Olds — Gallery Lad, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone, 76 points; Sir Trouble, Lakelawn Farm, 40 points.

Green Conformation Hunters — The Duke of Paeonian, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone, 391 points; Triple Shot, Waverly Farm, 323 points. (This horse was sold before the Warrenton Show, and as his new owner was not a member of the V. H. S. A., his points stopped when Waverly sold him).

Conformation Hunters — Ripple Boy, Boginod Farm, 294 points; Jack Blandford, Shawnee Farm, 202 points.

Working Hunters — Tuffy, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Bruce, 452 points; Curist, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Fout, 177 points.

Green Working Hunters — Pink Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Grover W. Stephens, 214 points; Silhouette, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blair, 134 points.

Open Jumpers — Spinning Time, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blair, 321 points; War Eagle, New Hope Farm, 253 points.

Small Hunters — General Lem, Ballantrae, 150 points; Catch Me, Miss Martha Sterbak, 100 points.

Junior Hunters — April Dawn, Mrs. William D. Dillon, 240 points; Sudan, Miss Margaret Rounds - Stewart, 163 points.

Large Ponies — Pinocchio, Richard Zimmerman, 683 points; Downwind, Miss Frances Kay, 267 points.

Small Ponies — Johnny Cake, Waverly Farm, 554 points; Nutcracker, Richard Zimmerman, 387 points.

Three-Gaited Saddle Horses — The Genius Paradar, George S. Aldhizer, II, 142 points; Pink Lady, Sunny Acres Stables, 47 points.

Five-Gaited Saddle Horses — Wildwood's Fancy Jacque, Sunny Acres Stables, 110 points; Sparkling Highball, George S. Aldhizer, II, 93 points.

Fine Harness Horses — The President's Lady, George S. Aldhizer, II, 150 points; Velvet Sensation, T. L. Morgan, 124 points.

Walking Horses — Ace's Cotton Queen, Mrs. Aubrey Woodard, 132 points; Johnny Reb, Fred M. Black, 98 points.

V. H. S. A. Equitation — Miss Elliott McElhinney, 48 points; Miss Beverly Harrison, 15 points.

South Miami

Hobby Horse Farm's Handall was named hunter champion of the 10th annual South Miami Riding Club Horse Show, as the Florida Sunshine Circuit got under way in Miami on Thanksgiving weekend.

Handall rang up 11 points to capture the tri-color over Maurice Clarke's Bim's Carnation. After a reserve in the hunter division, this mare proved her versatility by winning the jumper title over the Mitchell Ranches' Sunfire.

Miss Alice O. Frazer, riding Mrs. Herbert Eichert's Disputer, took home more blues than any one with wins in the Henry Bergh hunt seat event and the open hunter and pair classes.

Harry Whittaker's young Jet Pilot gelding, Blue Sails, put in a fine round to take first honors in the green working class over M. J. Hulsey's Seaside. This nice mare, purchased last March from June Fisher, placed consistently through all events, and should do quite well in the coming shows.

Performances on the outside course were excellent, and the jumping horse could boast more entries and crowd enthusiasm than any other type entry on the grounds.

CORRESPONDENT Jobi Arnold

PLACE: South Miami, Florida

TIME: Nov. 25-27

JUDGES: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foreman

HUNTER CH: Handall, Hobby Horse Farm

RES: Bim's Carnation, M. Clarke

JUMPER CH: Bim's Carnation, M. Clarke

RES: Sunfire, Mitchell Ranches

SUMMARIES

Henry Bergh hunter horsemanship—1. Alice O. Frazer; 2. Susie Clements; 3. B. Bailey; 4. Mary Leavelle.

Open jumping—1. Pig, Jerry McKinney; 2. Sunfire, Mitchell Ranches; 3. Bim's Carnation, M. Clarke; 4. Disputer, Mrs. Don B. Arnold.

English pleasure ponies—1. Torchi, Candy Schaffer; 2. Traveler, Barbara Jean Sanders; 3. Miss Petite, Joan Gerstein; 4. Buster Brown, Tommie Longwell.

Green working hunters—1. Blue Sails, Harry Whittaker; 2. Seaside, M. J. Hulsey Jr.; 3. Beep Bop, B. Bailey; 4. Godolphin, M. J. Hulsey Jr. Open hunters—1. Disputer, Alice O. Frazer; 2. Handall, Hobby Horse Farm; 3. Beep Bop; 4. Flash, Susie Mahannah.

Juvenile English pleasure—1. Champ, Sally Head; 2. Lady Eloise, Jeanne Sanderson; 3. Astral Masterpiece, Terry Shiffman; 4. Flash.

English pair class—1. Disputer, Alice O. Frazer, Guess What, Mary Leavelle; 2. Sierra Symphony, Nancy Leonard, Astral Masterpiece, Peggie Elliott; 3. Bachelor's Carnation, Rosearie Fulton, Gallant Cavalier, Debby Michelson.

Working hunters—1. Bim's Carnation; 2. Handall; 3. Seaside; 4. Sunfire.

Adult English pleasure—1. Lady Eloise; 2. Champ; 3. Gallant Cavalier; 4. China Princess, M. Clarke.

Hunter stake—1. Handall; 2. Bim's Carnation; 3. Blue Sails; 4. Beep Bop.

Hunter seat equitation—1. Mary Leavelle; 2. Susie Clements; 3. Alice Frazer; 4. Sandy Hart.

Jumper stake—1. Bim's Carnation; 2. Sunfire; 3. Godolphin, Mitchell Ranches; 4. Budwiser, Jack Cheatham.

Talbot County

The eighth Bi-Annual Talbot County Children's Show held on Sunday, November 13th, at Perry Cabin Riding School, St. Michaels, was a huge success with approximately four hundred spectators present.

The Miles River Challenge Trophy was won by Peter Thompson, Jr., who was champion of the Modified One Day Event. In order to win this trophy the contestant must compete in all three phases of the event on the same mount and receive the highest number of points. Nancy Thompson was reserve.

A new challenge trophy, called the Ames Cross Country Challenge Trophy, has been donated by Mrs. John S. Ames of Boston, Mass. for the winner of the Cross Country phase of the Modified One Day Event. Nancy Thompson was the winner.

TIME: Nov. 13

PLACE: St. Michaels, Md.

MILES RIVER CHALLENGE TROPHY: Peter Thompson, Jr.

RES: Nancy Thompson

AMES CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE TROPHY: Nancy Thompson

SUMMARIES

Beginners walk—1. Butch Kemp; 2. Craig Hazen; 3. Ann Murray; 4. Gertrude D. Green.

Walk-trot—1. Pat Hunter; 2. Abbie Wemple; 3. Marge Critchlow; 4. Holly Kemp; 5. Janet Gillis; 6. Cythia Ludlow.

Intermediate, under 8 yrs—1. Chesley Plummer; 2. Margaret Hazen; 3. Caroline Thompson.

Intermediate, over 8 yrs—1. Happy Noble; 2. Laura Lee Harrison; 3. Marcia Rude; 4. Jack Shannahan.

Junior horsemanship—1. Peggy Cox; 2. Lynn Dyott; 3. Ellie Shannahan; 4. Steve Sands.

Dressage, phase one of modified one day event—1. Rachel Jane Seymour; 2. Billie Ellis; 3. Peter Thompson; 4. Peggy Wolff; 5. Fran Johnston.

Beginner jumping—1. Laura Lee Harrison; 2. Marcia Rude; 3. Fay Harrison; 4. Caroline Thompson.

Intermediate jumping—1. Peggy Cox; 2. Jack Shannahan; 3. Louise Wolff; 4. Mia Scull.

Cross country, phase two—1. Nancy Thompson; 2. Ann Carol Dawkins; 3. Fran Johnston; 4. Peter Thompson.

Stadium jumping—1. Peter Thompson; 2. Rachel Jane Seymour; 3. Ann Carol Dawkins; 4. Ellie Shannahan.

Beginner bareback—1. Jack Shannahan; 2. Becky Ellison; 3. Marcia Rude; 4. Peggy Cox; 5. Mia Scull; 6. Betsy Baybutt.

Bareback—1. Peter Thompson; 2. Nancy Thompson; 3. Fran Johnston; 4. Catherine McNeill; 5. Ellie Shannahan; 6. Ann Carol Dawkins.

Hunting On Foot

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tryside unless all people of all walks of life can feel that, if so inclined, they can take part in the sustenance and organization of their hounds and follow then on a horse, or in a car, or on their feet as their fancy and pocket may dictate.

The Hunt Club situation and the foot follower may seem to be rather divergent subjects, but unless a pack of hounds is set up on the basis which I have tried to describe in this article and unless he can feel that he is contributing part of the organization it is certain that there will be little fun in it for the man on foot.

Before closing, let me go over some of the advantages which will accrue to the man who hunts on foot. With his car he is not limited to the hounds within whose boundary he may live. He can get in a day here and there with any number of packs. He can compare their hounds, their huntsmen's methods and the country in which they hunt. He can thus get an endless variety of scene at very little cost, seeing, if he wants, new country and new faces every time he goes out. The majority of the other claims of foxhunting are also available to him, the sunrises, the early morning light on the countryside, and the view of a cub sneaking away along a hedgerow. He will find that most huntsmen will be appreciative of his interest and enthusiasm and will take him into their confidence (in a manner which they would not do for any mounted follower) as to which coverts they will draw and in which direction. Armed with this information, he can probably place himself on the right hill to see the find. Then, if he has any knowledge of the country and of the run of a fox, he should, by steady plodding and judicious cutting, be able to see a good bit of the hunt that follows. If he can manage to bring himself in at the death his satisfaction will be double that of his neighbor on "the high mettled racer" and justly so.

In a hilly country or in one where wire is plentiful the man on foot will often find himself with a distinct advantage and may frequently be closer to hounds than the mounted troop.

Roman Riding

Italy's Contribution To The Field of Equitation

Maj. J. A. Johnston

The world knows of the contribution Italy has made in the field of music and art. Perhaps the world knows less of the contribution Italy has made and is making in the field of equitation. Equitation implies perfection in horsemanship and in no other part of the world is horsemanship so evident as in this beautiful country.

A casual visitor in Rome could hardly help notice the emphasis on horses. Airlines approaching for a landing at Ciampino airport glide low over the steeplechase course at Capannelle. Riding the airport bus to town the visitor passes row after row of stables where sleek race horses are boarded and trained.

From the hotel area of downtown

Rome a short walk up Vit Veneto Vittorio and through the ancient Roman wall leads you to Villa Borghese park. Here, in the midst of a modern city, a rustic bridle path winds among huge pine trees. Along the bridle path, or galappatio, groups of riders of all ages can be seen at almost any time of the day. For a small charge you can rent horses by the hour or take riding instruction.

In the area of the galappatio in Villa Borghese there is a practice jumping course where instruction is given to beginners and where horse owners may come and practice. Also in this area are two show arenas where jumping competitions are held frequently. The horses



Col. Comforti (right), Commandant of the Central Military Riding School of Italy and former international jumping star, with Lt. Col. Butierrez (left), his assistant.



Lt. Raimondo D'Inzeo on Posillipo, (5-year-old half-brother to Merano) will be ready for International competition late in 1956.



Lt. Raimondo D'Inzeo on Mistero (chestnut, 16.2, 7-year-old)—newest addition to 1956 international jumping prospects.

in Villa Borghese serve to arouse public interest in horses and horsemanship.

In the northern edge of the city near the banks of the Tiber we find a different type of activity at the Rome Polo Club. National and inter-national teams bring their polo ponies here to compete on a Sunday afternoon with the best Rome has to offer. The club has two polo fields, a club house, stables for temporary boarding of visiting horses and luxurious tile lined box stalls for horses owned by club members. In addition to polo, the club frequently sponsors hunts and other types of riding competition in which wives and children can participate.

Across the river from the polo club is located one of the most modern and best equipped public riding schools in the world, the D'Angelo School of Equitation. The main stable, housing about sixty horses, is arranged in a square around a patio with a fountain in the center. At one end of the stables is a large indoor riding range where classes can be conducted in any kind of weather. Beyond the indoor riding ring is an outdoor riding park containing a small jumping course designed for basic instruction in equitation over fences. At the D'Angelo school a small, weather beaten instructor named Alexandro teaches the science of equitation to Romans at the rate of more than 250 student hours per week.

A military riding school worthy of note in Rome proper is the Caserma Pastrengo just off Via Parioli. This is where the Carabinieri, the "Royal Canadian Mounted Police" of Italy, receive their training. At the Caserma, Capt. Dario Zamponi, Squadron Commandant, will proudly show you through the large stable building housing more than a hundred horses. Below the stables is a jumping and obstacle course where the troopers practice daily and a huge indoor arena where the entire squadron may drill at one time. The Carabinieri, in their flashy uniforms and drilling with perfect precision on well matched horses, are a sight not soon forgotten.

If Capannelle, Villa Borghese, the Polo Club, D'Angelos School and the Caserma represent the body, we have to look elsewhere to find the heart and soul of Roman Riding. Out Via Salaria and 25 miles north across the Compagna Romano is a place called Passo Corese. It is the central military riding school of Italy. Tor di Quinto and Pineroli are both closed now and all of the activity formerly associated with these two great names is concentrated at Passo Corese. At this school equitation is taught to an exact science and students apply themselves with the same degree of initiative and diligence you would expect to find in a school of engineering or medicine.

Passo Corese is under the Italian Cavalry and ably commanded by Colonel Comforti. The commander, well known in his own right as a former international jumping star, is now devoted to passing his knowledge on to the younger generation of professional horsemen. He is assisted in running the school by Lt. Col. Gutierrez and other highly qualified staff officers. The school is organized under four departments: (1) Basic Training, (2) Dressage, (3) Polo and (4) International Jumping Competition Training.

Most of the training of horses and riders for the big international events is conducted at Passo Corese. On a typical day you might see such riders as Col. Cartasegna, Capt. Oppes, Lt. Raimondo D'Inzeo and Capt. Piero D'Inzeo working out on one of the numerous jump courses of the training grounds. It is heartwarming to watch Raimondo D'Inzeo as he gets new horses ready for international

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New Jersey



Racing News

Faultless

Results of the syndication of the stallion Faultless seem to prove that syndication definitely has its place in New Jersey. Headed by E. H. Ellis of Dhu Varren Farm, Far Hills, where the Bull Lea horse will stand, and A. W. Berry of Wayne, Pa., others participating from the Garden State include John Fieramosca, Colonial Farms, Scobeyville; Dr. Russell J. Foshinder, Clearfield Farm, Peapack; Anderson Fowler, Glenelg Farm, Peapack; H. O. H. Frelinghuysen, Far Hills; Charles F. H. Johnson, Jr., Bernadotte Farm, Tinton Falls; Dr. W. J. Lee, Jr., Solar Stud, Washington; Eugene Mori, East Acres Farm, Vineland; Alfred Roberts and Reeve Schley, Raritan Stable, Far Hills.

Hi-Sag

The noted New Jersey equine artist Ann Collins has recently completed a painting of the New Jersey Futurity winner of July, Hi-Sag, owned by Carolyn K Stable. Hi-Sag has been turned out on a farm in Maryland since the middle of the summer when he suffered an injury in the running of the Return Engagement at Monmouth Park. He is expected to return to training next Spring. Miss Collins has begun work on a painting for Howell Jackson of the Gardenia winner, Nasrina.

Westward Ho

Joseph M. Roebing's stallion Lochinvar who stands at the Country Life Farm in Bel Air, Md. has been in the limelight recently for his son, Westward Ho, was chosen by the Maryland Turf writers as the outstanding Maryland-Bred of this year. Westward Ho won the Kent Stakes, the Discovery Handicap, was second in the Lawrence Realization and third in The Lamplighter. Lochinvar is best remembered by New Jerseyans as the sire of Andy Schuttlinger's stakes winner Ferd who was retired to stud and then brought back after Schuttlinger's dispersal to race again this year accounting for several wins in New York.

Four Freedoms

The list of sires having the most wins through November 2 shows the New Jersey stallion Four Freedoms at tenth position with 15 wins. Four Freedoms stands at Woodland Farms, Middletown and is leased to H. J. Newcombe's Leslie Jane Stable from Greentree Stud. A number of Newcombe's broodmares were sold at Tattersalls on December 1, but two were sold privately here in Jersey previous to the sale. Dr. John D. Preece of Trenton purchased Discoval, by Valdina Orphan, in foal to Four Freedoms, and John Fieramosca of Scobeyville purchased the *Princequillo mare Dirndl in foal to Omission. Incidentally, Fieramosca was the only owner thus far to name a filly for both The Garden State and The Gardenia to be contested at Garden State Park next Fall. He nominated Royal Helvetia, by Helvetian from Royal Passes. Other Garden State owners to nominate were Twin Oak Stable, Morristown and E. O. Kling, Luzerne Farm, Trenton.

Solidarity

The results of the Veterans' Day running of the Portola Handicap at Tanforana when three fillies by Solidarity (Sinful, Solid Miss and Solid Rae) ran one-two-three was particularly interesting to Trainer George Howell and Owner William E. Snell for they purchased a chestnut colt by Solidarity at the Garden State Fall Sales in September. The only other Solidarity yearling sold in the East was sold at the Saratoga Sales. The Howell-Snell chestnut is from the stakes winning mare Fond Embrace.

Fernicola

Nick Fernicola, Neptune, N. J. jockey who was injured in a spill at Wheeling Downs on August 13 has his eye on the Jersey circuit for next year. With twelve weeks in the hospital, doctors have assured him that he can get back into the irons after the first of the year. The 20-year-old free-lancer has 128 wins to his credit during two and a half years of riding.

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V. P. I Tests of Lime And Crop Production

S.S. Obenshain, Agronomist, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg, said today that "the adequate use of lime and fertilizer is essential for efficient production and it's only natural that determining plant food needs is being given major attention by Virginia soil scientists at this time.

"One of the main objectives of our soil fertility research has been to determine the proper amount of lime and fertilizer required for good crop production on the important soils of Virginia," he said. The amount needed will be depending upon the kind of soil, and these differences in the requirements of the various kinds of soil must be considered if crops are to produce at the minimum cost per unit. In the very early stage of the research work on soils in Virginia, a very promising piece of smooth land selected for experimental farm.

"One of the conclusions drawn was that lime was not needed for crop production. Later it was pointed out that this location was underlain by marl and that this particular soil represented less than .1 per cent of the total area of that particular part of the state. Later experiments established on a different soil in the same geographic area demonstrated clearly that satisfactory results could not be obtained on soils represented by the second location without the use of lime.

"The experiment on the second soil showed that the use of lime, either with or without fertilizer, doubled the yield and one could expect an increase in crop value of approximately \$15 for each \$1 invested in lime. This second location was on a soil which represents close to a million acres of our agricultural soils for crop production. However, after a few years it was found that with the build-up of the needed amount of phosphate and lime, potash became just as important. On a test at this same station, it was found that by the addition of potash to the lime, phosphate and nitrogen added that the yield of corn was increased to such an extent that the farmer was receiving \$18 in increased value of crop for each \$1 invested in potash. These are just examples of the great return resulting from proper use of lime and fertilizer materials when they are used in the right amount and in the right places."

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With a strong ride by Cole, Full Flight shoved his head in front of Shimke in the final strides. The photo showed Ifabody another head back. Munchausen held on to fourth, 2½ lengths behind the front three.

Full Flight (*Ambiorix—Grey Flight, by *Mahmoud) was registering his first win in 20 1955 starts. He has been second once and third twice and has earned, with the ...6,300 from the Ponce de Leon, \$11,175.

A four-year-old gelding, Full Flight is owned by Wheatley Stable and was bred by the same outfit. Jim Fitzsimmons trains.

The Ponce de Leon, a mile-and-one-sixteenth affair, was run on December 10.

Fair Grounds

The feature event at the Fair Grounds, on December 10, was the six-furlong New Orleans Symphony Society Purse. If you think that's bad, ponder upon the sub-feature, the Jax Beer Wholesalers' Purse.

The Symphony thing was won by L. J. Tutt's Jenjay, which soloed home by 2½ lengths in front of Prince Eric. Larriewell and Blue Hawaii took the smaller slices of the purse.

Jenjay, a three-year-old by Brookfield, from Genevra, by Percentage, earned \$2,600 for her owner, and shows a this-year total of \$15,450. She has won 3 of 18 starts, been second twice and third 5 times.

J. P. Sallee trains the filly. Eldon Nelson had the mount in the Symphony Society sprint.

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Roman Riding

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events. His new prospects for 1956 events include Posillipo, half brother to the great Merano, and Mistero. Mistero is a promising young horse which has been entered in only three national events and has won first place three times. When you have watched Raimondo ride you feel that you have at last seen the ultimate in equitation. It is very doubtful if there is a better rider in the world today.

Like the riders, the horses of Passo Corese are very carefully selected and then trained to perfection. Some of the horses are bred and raised at Passo Corese and others are purchased in all parts of Italy out of dams and sires of proven quality. Occasionally a horse is imported from Germany or England but on the whole horses bred in Italy are preferred. While the size and strength of German horses is recognized as an advantage, the trainers at Passo Corese believe that Italian horses are more intelligent and respond more quickly. Their system of selection and training is such that six foot jumps have become commonplace. Merano, the favorite horse ridden by Raimondo D'Inzeo to so many victories, is capable of jumping well over seven feet. There are several others that do almost as well.

The scientific approach to training of horses and rider as an entity at Passo Corese has produced a team that will be hard to beat at the next Olympic games. Perhaps 1956 is the year in which Italy will again assume its rightful place as world leader in the field of equitation. When this happens it will not be because of chance or good fortune, but because it was planned that way.

In the Country



TRYON HOST TO U. S. EQUESTRIAN TEAM

On Thanksgiving Day, Tryon, N. C., welcomed the first shipment of Olympic horses, direct from the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto. A member of the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club has made available living quarters for stable foreman Bobby Frecks who, has been with the team since before the Pan-American Games, and stables and paddocks for the Prix de Nations horses.

The shipment consisted of Capt. William Steinkraus' Night Owl and Wonabit, Charles Dennehy's Altmeister, and Pill Box and Nautical, owned by W. H. Wiley. These horses and owners which constituted the team representing the U. S. at Harrisburg, The National and the Royal Winter Fair, is coached by Capt. Bertalan de Nemethy, now at Tryon, and will be managed by Gen. Tupper Cole. Actual training will begin Jan. 1st at spacious Harmon Field, where the Annual Tryon Horse Show is held.

SCHIFF ELECTED TO BOARD

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association held yesterday, John M. Schiff, of New York, was elected to the Board of Stewards of that Association. Schiff, a senior member of the banking firm of Kuhn Loeb & Company has long been active in the Thoroughbred Sport, and has been particularly interested in steeplechasing.

During the year, the best 'chaser to carry his silks was the French-bred Carafar, a double stakes winner.

At the same meeting, two additions to the membership were made. Mrs. William Cox Wright, of St. Davids, Pa., who campaigns a stable at the hunt race meetings, and Oleg T. Dubassoff, of Aiken, S. C., who conditions the horses owned by John M. Schiff and the Lazy F. Ranch.

CHESHIRE HUNT VISITS ELKRIDGE-HARFORD

In their annual exchange of sporting courtesies, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, Inc., of Monkton, Maryland was host this year to Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds of Unionville, Penna. Mrs. John B. Hannum II, MFH of the cheshire, was accompanied by a number of regulars from her own Field when she brought her hounds to the home of Mr. E. S. Voss, Master of the Elkridge-Harford, where the visitors were scheduled to meet. After 3 hours dragging around on frozen ground in the bitter cold of a high wind, a fox was found near My Lady's Manor and those remaining of the Field were given a very fast 20 minutes over some good stiff country.

Those stouthearted invaders who braved the elements for a go in foreign environment included Louis and Evie Ledyard, Mrs. Skipper Lofting, Mary Rumsey, Kitty Draper, Jimmy Kerr, Howard Fair, Harry Nicholas, Mrs. Arthur Hanna, Albert Nesbitt, Jimmy McHugh, Betty Bosley, Sally Randolph, Mrs. Arthur Choate and Whipper-In Jim Regan.

CAMARGO HUNT SHOWS GOOD SPORT

Mr. Lucien Wulsin, Joint-MFH with Mr. John H. Clippinger of the Camargo Hunt of Cincinnati, Ohio sends us good reports of this fall's hunting activities. Despite the fact that their Huntsman Charlie Samways has been laid up since September due to a bad fall, many wonderful days with hounds have been enjoyed, and the Fields have been larger than ever before. On Thanksgiving Day, there were 54 people in the Field, with 42 on the following Saturday.

CHESHIRE FOXHOUNDS GIVE VISITORS SPORT

Down from Massachusetts to the first day of their recent visit to Unionville, Pa., in the domain of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, Myopia Hunt Club's former M.F.H. Frederic Winthrop, Col. Frank Appleton, Charles S. Bird, Jr., and Francis P. Sears, Jr. were treated to two cracking good runs. Hounds killed their first fox after 2½ hours, the Mask being presented to Mr. Bird. Mrs. F. P. Sears, Sr., riding a-side on her good grey "Miss Whirl", received the Brush.

THANKSGIVING OPENS CAMDEN SEASON

The opening meet of the Camden Hunt was Thanksgiving morning. About thirty met at the kennels and hacked to Cool Spring Plantation where hounds were cast and all enjoyed a good run. Although quite a few of the Camden Junior Hunt Members are away at school, it was good to see some of them in the field during the Thanksgiving holidays.

—Palmetto

CAMDEN CASUALTY

Winter visitors to Camden and friends of the joint-master, Mrs. C. P. DuBose, Jr., will be sorry to learn that she had a fall while hacking recently which will put her out of commission for most of the rest of the season. She is out of danger, but it is a long, slow process for the bones to knit. In the meantime, Joint MFH Leonard Graham is carrying on with Carl Lightfoot hunting the hounds and S. C. Clyburn and Mrs. Helen Hanley whipping.

—Palmetto

CHICAGO POLO

Sixty horses arrived this week at the Chicago Avenue Armory, 234 East Chicago Avenue, for training and conditioning in preparation for the opening of the Chicago Indoor Polo Season on January 7, 1956. Several drastic changes have been announced for the forthcoming

ing season by the league general manager, Pat Connors. The major change is a switch to one six-period game each Saturday night in lieu of the former four-period double headers. This, Connors states, eliminates the lower goal Junior League and enables the promoters to put on strictly high-goal polo for the Chicago area fans. This brand of competition has lured back to Chicago indoor polo such stand-out star players as 6-goal Tom Healy, and 5-goal players, Mike Healy and Jerry Fordon. Games will be played every Saturday night at 8:30 P. M., January through March.

CHANGE OF DUTY

From the Rocky Fork Headley Hunt of Gahanna, Ohio, comes word of a replacement among the Club's officials. Mrs. Oral J. Scheaff of Columbus, Ohio, has taken over the positions of Secretary and Whipper-in formerly held by Patricia Horst, who has assumed the duties of Riding Instructress at Sweet Briar College in Virginia.

PONY CLUB ACROBATICS

M. Landon Bladen, in his Newsletter concerning the Canadian Pony Club, Eglinton Branch, reveals that the dean of Canadian horsemen, Col. R. S. Timmis, has just presented the club with a "vaulting roller" as a Christmas gift. Will this make equestrian acrobats of the Annandale riders? We're out of touch.

JANE AND JENNY

At the 66th Annual Beagle Trials held near Aldie, Virginia, Nov. 10-13, one of the visitors observing pack activities spent most of one morning trying to keep in contact with her transportation. Mrs.

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Jane Dane's mount, it seems, was "a lady-mule named Kate", whose beauty was enhanced by an enormous pair of blinkers. This precautionary measure to limit her field of vision only served to stimulate the imagination of the spooky spinner, whose incorrigible feats of calisthenic artistry brought near disaster many times to her fair passenger.

BAD BREAK

While hunting with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds on Tuesday, Dec. 8, Mrs. S. Prentice ("Ellie") Porter was the victim of a bad fall causing severe injury. Mrs. Porter, riding astride, was jumping her horse into a roadway when it hooked the top rail of the fence and fell, dislodging the rider and striking her when attempting to regain its feet. With her leg broken above the knee, the victim was taken to the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington, where she is reportedly undergoing treatment with the injured limb in traction. Mr. and Mrs. Porter were up from their home near Marshall, Va., for some hunting with the Vicmead

dred and sixty people.

ERIN GO BRAGH

The horse show ball Friday night at the National brought the men out wearing tails, white tie and top hat. Thusly attired were Roger Young of Trootwood Farms and Morgan Wing Jr., Master of the Sandanona Beagles. To complete the picture, Mr. Young carried a black evening cane, and as they made their way among the guests, they caused quite a lot of attention. Someone was heard to say, "Look! Two members of the Irish Team, and one of them is carrying his shillelagh!"

POLO IN MEXICO

After Mexico City's round robin tournament ends, the players will take a brief rest from tournament play during the Christmas holidays. It is then hoped that play will resume the 8th of January with the arrival of Mr. Bob Uihlein's team from Milwaukee. However, Mr. Uihlein has not yet said exactly when his high-goal team will be able to reach Mexico.

POLO FOR THE 1960 OLYMPICS

The FEDERACION MEXICANA DE POLO has joined other playing countries

Waldingfield Beagles On Cover Of Beagle Issue

Of our cover picture the owner, Bayard Tuckerman writes:—

This portrait of the four Waldingfield Beagles was left to me by my cousin, James W. Appleton, who started the Waldingfield Beagles in 1886. He was also for over twenty-five years M.F.H. of the Myopia Hounds. He left the beagles to his niece, Mrs. Oliver Wolcott. After the war they were taken over by Josiah H. Child and my wife, Millicent E. Tuckerman.

Gustave Muss-Arnolt, the artist, was born in 1858, died in 1927. He was commissioned by August Belmont to do the Meadow Brook Hunt Meet at Old Westbury Pond in 1885. He also did a portrait of my cousin Francis R. Appleton's "King Cole", famous hunter of that time. This horse is buried under the hunters oak at Appleton Farms.

Oriole, Hermes, Bridget and Sargent (the names of the hounds from left to right) are very familiar figures in my mind to this day as I hunted regularly with them whipping-in to my cousins, James W. and Charles L. Appleton.

Bridget was the oldest of the hounds in the painting. She was whelped in 1898, was a member of Mr. Appleton's Rockefeller Cup Pack and was part of the winning two couple at the National Beagle Trials in 1901.

Oriole and Sargent were whelped in 1902 and were also top winners. Sargent won the National Three Hour Stake in 1905. Hermes was bred by my uncle George B. Post's Somerset Beagles and given to Mr. Appleton. He was whelped in 1901 and was one of the foundation sires of the Waldingfield pack. All four of these hounds had a great deal of imported blood in them and had many wins alone and in company to their credit.



(Marshall Hawkins Photo)

Children of Morgan Wing, Jr. and beagle puppy pose for the cameraman.

Hunt in Wilmington as well as with the Cheshire in Unionville, Penna.

U. S. A. PONY CLUB AT RADNOR

The Thanksgiving hunt for members of the Radnor Branch of the United States Pony Club of America was a very exciting day. With about 70 members in the Field, Ronnie Houghton was invited by the Radnor Hunt's M. F. H. Henry L. Collins to be Master for the day. They had a 35 minute burst, one of the fastest runs of the season. Ronnie, who qualified for his Pony Club "A" Certificate last June, is one of only three members in the United States who can boast such a distinction.

LANDOWNERS FETED

The Rombout Hunt has its own praiseworthy uses of friendly hospitality in showing its appreciation to that vitally all-important cog in the machinery of foxhunting—the Landowner. Whether or not active participants, these supporters of the chase are always invited to the Hunt's extra-curricular activities, such as their horse shows and the Hunter Pace Event. A turkey dinner is also put on for the landowners and the most recent, taking place during the Thanksgiving season, was attended by over four hun-

in requesting that this sport be included as a part of the 1960 Olympic Games. Mexico has expressed their desire to send the Mexican Selection to Rome for this great event. Signore Luciano Zingone, President of the GRUPPO ITALIANO POLO, has been formally requested to represent Mexico's Polo Association in this matter.

WORLD GOLD CUP TOURNAMENT

Word comes that the freer climate now prevailing in the Argentine Republic will make it much easier for that country to send a strong polo team to Mexico for the World Gold Cup tournament. Of course, if the United States is unable to send their selection, the Cup will not be played for.

—E. P.

WISE INK PAYS OFF

Richard F. Meyer, M.F.H. of Rombout Hunt, gives an example of the usefulness and necessity of proper hound identification. Upon being brought a hound, mistakenly thought to be of the Rombout pack by someone who had found her wandering alone, it was decided to keep her in the hope that she be claimed by the proper owner. Later, at a meet at the kennel, one of the members of the

Hunt suggested examining the hound for a possible tattoo marking on ear or lip. Search revealed the tattooed "M.H." under one ear, which was then reported to Millbrook Hunt's M.F.H. Fred Bontecou. Delighted was he to so recover his good brook bitch, "Nancy," which was forthwith returned to her home kennel.

FALL SHOW IN KENTUCKY

Although the weather was chilly, Kob Ryn's Riding Academy Fifth Annual Fall Meeting at Lexington, Ky., ran smoothly with 67 entries performing before a crowd of 4-500 people. Two hard-working contestants were Vera Ryn and Johnny Dabney, who rode in both the equitation and jumping classes. For the last couple of years, these two have been close competitors. Firsts and seconds were equally divided among them this time. Class 10 had an international touch. Pete Glott from Norway won the class, with Evert Abrahamson from Sweden taking third. Sue Points and Bill Shorter represented the U. S. Members of the Blue Grass Riding Club served coffee and hot chocolate during the meet.

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